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*The text of this investigation is speld in accord with the recommendations of the Simplified Spelling Board. In the material investigated the conventional spelling, as found, has been adhered to strictly thruout.*

*The fonetist and filologist has always been among the first to recognize the immense importance of the movement for reform of English spelling, which commands the united support of the leading language scholars both of England and America. He should be willing to bear his share of the prejudice which some must endure in the course of progress toward a rational orthograpy.*

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## INTRODUCTION

This investigation, based on a sufficient number and variety of modern texts, conducted on sound principles and with scrupulous care, aside from its obvious utility for shorthand and for instruction in reading, is of value to foneticians in that it affords abundant choice material for the study of the adjustment of sound to sound in the syllable. To the linguist it furnishes also a starting point for comparison of one language with another, in respect either to acoustic effect or to the characteristic operations of the vocal organs; and it provides, in its word list, a foundation for comparative estimates of current vocabulary as an index of national civilization. To one interested in the history of speech, or the history of thought, it suggests and facilitates a series of comparisons of present and past aspects of English, whether one consider the language as an aggregate of sound-patterns or as a medium of expression. Multiple are the uses to which these tables may be put. It is to be hoped that many scholars, in many fields, will avail themselves of them.

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## PREFACE

Study of the fonetic facts of English has been heretofore almost wholly qualitativ. Recently, to be sure, there has been a growing series of word counts, purporting usually to determin the most frequently occurring words of the language, but the more searching and for many purposes more significant investigation of the relativ frequency of sillables and of sounds has been quite neglected.

The principal educational use of such word lists thus far has been in connection with that short-sighted misdirection of effort which treats the simptoms insted of the disease of our present indefensible conventional spelling. For this and other more profitable purposes, however, accurate lists of the commonest words of English hav great value, and the present lists ar believd to offer 2 markt advantages. 1: A much greater diversity in selection of material analized givs much wider validity to the results. 2: The accuracy and significance of the lists ar not impaired by an indefinit "judgment factor" in the combining of derivativs and inflected forms. For certain purposes complete separation of all variant forms may be most useful, for others sistematic grouping of the derivativs of each root form; but there is no valid excuse for the usual practise of an indeterminate "personal judgment" mixture of the 2. This study presents both treatments, separately, and separately indext.

All of the quantitativ data on sillables and most of the data on simple sounds ar, so far as I know, unique and of great potential importance in several different fields of study and teaching.

In the pedagogy of writing, tiping, or shorthand the word lists hav great value, whether in providing material from which to organize a textbook or course of study, or in placing the emfasis most effectively in using material

predetermined by other conditions. Lacking such data much wasted effort results from confusion between merely familiar words and words of genuinely common occurrence. In devising, and still more in testing or evaluating reading methods, the syllable and sound data also will be most significant — likewise in the problems of speech correction. Further and varied uses will readily suggest themselves to the educator familiar with the resources of these tables.

All data here presented are of the most fundamental importance for constructing a system of shorthand for general use, which must be in harmony with the phonetic facts of English. These data have been utilized to the fullest extent in devising both the structure and presentation of *Personal Shorthand*,<sup>1</sup> a scientific development of accepted shorthand principles, and of *Demotic Shorthand*,<sup>2</sup> a revolutionary shorthand experiment which abandons 2 of the most firmly established fundamental principles of English language shorthand — single stroke signs for simple sounds, and small signs for vowels — and in so doing achieves a unique and unprecedented simplicity. The primary purpose, indeed, in securing these data was their indispensable importance as the first foundation of any scientific study of shorthand problems, but particular pains were taken to avoid specializing the investigation to this end, for the increase in value for shorthand purposes would have been comparatively slight, while the more general value of the results for other phonetic, philological, and educational purposes would have been materially reduced.

For the research laboratory of the engineering or manufacturing corporation dealing with such acoustic devices as the telephone or phonograph, these analytic quantitative data provide important material for study of the most efficient or effective transmission or reproduction of speech sounds.

<sup>1,2</sup> Both superseded by the Dewey Shorthand series of textbooks, published by Dewey Shorthand Corporation, Lake Placid Club, N.Y.; distributed also by Pitman.

Finally, as Professor Grandgent has pointed out in his introduction, the establishment of reliable quantitative data as to the simple sounds and commoner sound combinations of English throws a new and valuable light on the studies of the fonetist, and affords material for a new and profitable field of investigation into the tendencies of language development.

In addition to the varied uses of the data here reported, the fonetic print alphabet itself, adapted from the Revised Scientific Alphabet for this investigation, and adopted subsequently by the Simplified Spelling Board for indicating pronunciation in its various publications, offers certain practical advantages in connection with the problem of fonetic spelling reform: in particular combining the least practicable degree of typographic strangeness with that minimum degree of fonetic precision necessary for general popular use.

The clerical work of the investigation, which required more than 3,000 hours, was performed chiefly by 4 different assistants, at 3 different places — New York, Lake Placid Club, and Cambridge — at intervals during the past 4 years. Under the circumstances minor errors in the recording or manipulation of data have been inevitable. Where necessary or desirable for purposes of comparison, such errors have been reconciled in preparing this report. No such adjustment has affected any significant figure as much as .1 of 1%, and most have affected such figures less than .01 of 1%.

Particular acknowledgment is due my ablest assistant, Miss Frances Wilson, who performed much of the more difficult fonetic classification and tabulation of the original investigation, and subsequently assisted me with the final checking, revising, reconciling and copying of the greater part of the data here presented.

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January, 1923



## PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION

In the 27 years since this study was first published, it has abundantly justified the closing lines of Professor Grandgent's introduction which appears on page v. Altho the modest first edition has been out of print for a dozen years, I have had reports of its use for as varied purposes at as widely scattered points as the teaching of English in Japan, the breaking of cipher codes in British India, developing an improved typewriter keyboard in Austria, the development of Zachrisson's Anglic [a form of world English spelling] in Sweden, and the development of Ogden's Basic English in Great Britain. All these are in addition to the more obvious primary purposes of the study in connection with my own shorthand construction and the problems of simpler spelling and phonetics. It may be added that both Pitman in Great Britain and Gregg in the United States have used this study, and quoted it as an authority, in the preparation or revision of shorthand textbooks.

My own constant use of these data over a series of years quickly revealed the considerable value of expanding Table 9 to show for each of the 1370 commonest syllables how often it occurred initially, medially, or finally in a word, or as a word by itself. This expansion has therefore been published in this revised edition as Appendix C. In addition, Appendix D gives two brief tables of *letter* frequencies; which, while falling outside the declared scope of the study, give a valuable check on the frequencies commonly assigned to the lower case letters in the printer's font, and provide an accurate and incontrovertible basis for estimating the saving to be effected by any proposed form of phonetic spelling for English.

So far as practicable, the errors discovered in the first edition have been corrected where they occur. Where the same error occurs in several places, or its correction would throw out column footings or cumulative totals, it has been identified by an encircled number referring to an errata sheet at the end of the volume.

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## Part 1—Preliminary Discussion



## Part 1

### Preliminary Discussion

#### *Purpose*

The object of this study was to determine the relative frequency of occurrence, in good English, as written and spoken today, of the various simple sounds and commoner sound combinations — syllables and words — of the English language.

#### *Previous investigations*

Previously published investigations have dealt almost wholly with relative frequency of words, and too often have been specialized, at least in their selection of material for analysis if not in their manipulation or presentation of data secured, for some particular purpose. The more important published word counts are listed below, in chronological order, with brief comment.

Knowles, Rev J, *The London point system of reading for the blind*, London, 1904.

This list is based on analysis of 100,000 words of "passages from the English Bible and from various authors"; and gives, in order of frequency, with frequency of each, the 353 commonest words (occurring 25 times or more).

Eldridge, R C, *Six thousand common English words, their comparative frequency and what can be done with them*, Niagara Falls, N Y, 1911.

This list, the only word count published *complete*, so far as I can find, is an analysis of 34,989 words from 4 issues of 4 different Sunday newspapers published in Buffalo in July and August, 1909; and gives in order the frequency of every word, 6002 different words, of which the most frequent 750 constitute over 75% of the whole material analyzed.

#### 4      *Relativ Frequency of English Speech Sounds*

Ayres, Leonard P, *The spelling vocabularies of personal and business letters*, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 1913.

This tabulates 23,629 words from 2,000 short letters written by 2,000 people; finding 2,001 different words and reporting the frequency of the more common.

Cook, W A, & O'Shea, M V, *The child and his spelling*, Bobbs-Merrill, 1914.

This list is based on 200,000 words from the family correspondence of 13 adults. Several alphabetic lists, with frequencies, are given, showing 186 words used by all 13 correspondents, 577 words used by a majority of the correspondents, etc; but no clear statement is made, or obtainable without complete retabulation, as to the most frequent words or their combined frequency. Only 5,200 different words are found in the total 200,000.

Jones, W Franklin, *Concrete investigation of the material of English spelling*, University of South Dakota, 1914.

This list tabulates 4532 different words, occurring in about 15,000,000 words of specially written grade themes, according to the grade in which each was first used by at least 2% of the students, but gives no more direct information as to relative frequency. The investigation lists also 100 *spelling demons*, or the 100 words of English most often misspelled.

Ayres, Leonard P, *A measuring scale for ability in spelling*, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 1915.

This list, much the most widely quoted at the present time, is based on the material of the first 4 lists above cited, properly weighted and combined and reduced to a basis of occurrences per 100,000 words. Ayres says: "The aggregate amount of written material analyzed in securing these results was approximately 368,000 words, written by some 2,500 different persons. More than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the material consisted of personal and business letters."

Ayres' list gives in order of frequency, with frequency of each per 100,000 words, the 1000 commonest words, which make up 91,899 per 100,000; the 100 commonest making up 59,591. Owing no doubt to lack of any equally accurate and comprehensive count based on more diversified material, Ayres draws altogether too sweeping conclusions as to the percentage importance in all or general matter of the commonest words which he reports.

16 spelling scales, *Teachers College Record*, v 21, nr 4, (Sept 1920).

This investigation lists in alphabetic order, with frequencies, the second and third thousand commonest words derived from the material used by Ayres, above noted. Ayres rightly points out that the 1000 commonest words represent about the farthest limit at which any statement as to the commonest words has general significance independent of the particular material investigated.

Thorndike, Edward L, *The teacher's word book*, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1921. Discussed in article *Word knowledge in*



the elementary school in Teachers College Record, vol 22, nr 4, (Sept, 1921).

"The teacher's word book is an alphabetical list of the 10,000 words which are found to occur most widely in a count of . . . (about 4,565,000 words). 41 different sources were used.

"A measure of the range and frequency of each word's occurrence is given by the credit-number following it." Elsewhere it is stated: "The reader is asked to accept arbitrarily these credits since an explanation of the method by which they were obtained is too involved to be given here."

This latest publication becomes increasingly unsatisfactory the more closely it is examined. The heterogeneous selection of material is by no means representative of anything in particular, such as the words most used by school children or by adults, in reading or in writing; and as representative of everything in general is scarcely more defensible. Furthermore, as Ayres\* rightly and clearly pointed out in 1915, beyond the 500 or at most the 1000 commonest words, no statement of the inherently commonest words of English, independent of the particular material analyzed, is possible.

The complex credit-number scheme by which the quantitative data are reported is glaringly defective and misleading, with respect to the most common words at least. Compare Thorndike's rating and Ayres' per cent for the 6 commonest words of the present investigation, together making up over 20% of all words found:

Word	Dewey %	Ayres %	Thorndike rating
the.....	7.3	6.4	208
of.....	4.0	3.4	205
and.....	3.3	3.4	210
to.....	2.9	3.2	208
a.....	2.1	1.9	208
in.....	2.1	1.9	211
(For the least frequent of the 1000 commonest words.....	.011	.012	49)

Space forbids further comment, but in other important particulars, including an express or implied confidence in the results not warranted by the basic conditions, this latest and most extended word count is open to serious criticism.

(1) There are, in addition to the above, several unpublished word counts, of which the earliest and best diversified is that made by Melvil Dewey, about 1900, as a basis for his notehand list of 100 abbreviations for the most common words. This counted 60,000 words, in twelve 5000 word selections from standard English literature, but

\* A measuring scale for ability in spelling, page 9.

unfortunately did not itemize the infrequent words counted, and so could not be used as a basis for analysis of syllables and sounds.

The enormous amount of time and effort expended on such studies as Cook & O'Shea, Jones, Ayres, etc, which investigate and attempt to provide objective measurement of the difficulties of the conventional English spelling, must be included among the conspicuous wastes, in education, even more than in commerce and international relations, for which our present English spelling is responsible. In view of the consensus of all competent authority as to the anomalous and indefensible character of our present orthography, such effort is fairly comparable to the establishment at a grade crossing of a modern emergency hospital, instead of regrading the crossing to eliminate the hazard.

The conspicuous defect of most of the foregoing word counts is insufficient diversity of material to assure a representative character. It was for this reason principally that I considered it necessary to make my own word count of 100,000 words of carefully diversified material, instead of basing my sound and syllable analyses on word counts already available. The soundness of this decision is strikingly emphasized by comparing the final summary of the Cook & O'Shea count above noted, which finds only 5,200 different words in 200,000, with my own results which find 10,161 different words in 100,000.

A warning should be inserted here against attempting to compile data with respect to syllables or sounds on the basis of any list of commonest words only, however good. It is an interesting and significant fact that some of the commonest syllables of the language scarcely occur among the 500 or even 1000 commonest words, but owe their importance rather to occurrence in many different words each relatively infrequent. This is particularly true of prefixes, suffixes, and other combining forms of Latin or Greek origin, whereas in any short list of commonest words short and Anglo-Saxon words predominate. The result, as proved by my analyses not here reported, is that analytic data based on commonest words *only* will give,

inevitably, a seriously distorted picture of the language as a whole.

With respect to syllables there exist no previous reliable data on even a small scale. Various fragmentary and unsupported statements occur in the literature of shorthand, but none give evidence of any adequate or dependable basis, and many betray a naive ignorance of the very nature of a syllable; as in the case of one author, not yet extinct, who gravely treats as a syllable *any* combination of 2 *letters* — and bases his system on the treatment!

The literature of shorthand contains similar fragmentary statements with respect to sounds, which agree chiefly in recognizing the preponderance of the 3 consonants, *n t r*, which Isaac Pitman called “the bones of the shorthand skeleton.” The more frequent half of the consonants in these statements will be found to agree fairly well in selection, though not in arrangement, with each other and with the facts; but with respect to the vowels, which have always constituted the weak point of English shorthand, owing largely to our intricate and disorderly spelling, such statements are altogether unreliable.

There exists however one statement of the relative frequency of the simple sounds of English wholly scholarly and, with certain limitations, reliable. This was published in 1874 by William Dwight Whitney, in an essay entitled *The elements of English pronunciation*.\* It is based on analysis of 10,000 *sounds*, 1,000 each from 10 literary classics, 5 prose and 5 poetry, in accord with his own pronunciation. Professor Whitney was certainly entitled to take his own pronunciation as a standard, but unfortunately this procedure makes impossible any clear comparison with the present investigation, for the phonetic basis adopted differs just enough to make definite correlation of his results with the present series impossible. For the consonants, which admit of much closer comparison, differences of 10 to 20% are the rule, with a few much greater or smaller discrepancies; indicating clearly that 10,000 sounds afford much too narrow a basis for definite general conclusions.

\* *Oriental and linguistic studies*, p 202-276, Scribners, 1893.

In general it may be said that except for lists of the 100 or 1000 commonest words, which comparisons show to be based on too restricted selection of material, reliable data for this whole field have been conspicuously lacking.

### *Material and methods*

Study of previous investigations indicated that 100,000 words of material would, if sufficiently diversified, furnish data adequate for the purposes desired. 10,000 words would perhaps have sufficed to furnish reliable data on the simple sounds, but for the sound combinations, particularly the syllable combinations, for which no reliable comparative data were available, 100,000 words seemed necessary, and sufficient.

The first step therefore was to select 100,000 words of connected matter adequately representative of good English as used — written, spoken, and printed — today. This definition should be kept in mind in examining the table of selections which follows; as it accounts for the omission of Shakespeare, and the literary classics of the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries, which however widely read do not represent the *usage* of today.

TABLE 1

#### MATERIAL ANALYZED

100,000 words of connected matter (excluding numerals and proper names), representative of English as written and spoken today; no single source contributing more than 5,000 words.

	<i>Words</i>
15% newspaper editorial English	
New York Tribune.....	5,000
Boston Evening Transcript.....	5,000
Los Angeles Daily Times.....	5,000
15% newspaper news English	
Chicago Daily Tribune.....	5,000
Kansas City Star.....	5,000
Atlanta Constitution.....	5,000
15% modern fiction	
5% novel	
Winston Churchill ( <i>The Crisis</i> ).....	2,500
William Allen White ( <i>A Certain Rich Man</i> ).....	2,500

5% short story	
Rudyard Kipling (The Day's Work).....	2,500
Mark Twain (The American Claimant, etc).....	2,500
5% drama	
William Dean Howells (The Mouse-trap, etc).....	2,500
Clyde Fitch (The Stubbornness of Geraldine).....	2,500
10% modern American speeches	
Abraham Lincoln.....	5,000
Theodore Roosevelt.....	2,500
Woodrow Wilson.....	2,500
5% personal correspondence	
Richard Harding Davis.....	2,500
Robert Louis Stevenson.....	2,500
5% business correspondence	
5 manuals of typewriting, business English, and short-hand — 1,000 words each.....	5,000
5% modern advertising	
19 advertisements representing leading advertisers, mediums, and agencies.....	5,000
5% religious English	
Holy Bible (St Mark 1:1—).....	1,000
Henry Ward Beecher (Sermons).....	1,000
Phillips Brooks (Sermons).....	1,000
Christian Herald (editorial).....	1,000
Catholic News (editorial).....	1,000
5% (popular) scientific English	
Scientific American.....	3,000
Science.....	1,000
Popular Mechanics.....	1,000
5% modern 'special articles'	
Literary Digest.....	1,000
American Magazine (2).....	2,000
Outlook.....	1,000
Independent.....	1,000
5% magazine editorial English	
Independent.....	1,000
Atlantic Monthly.....	1,000
New Republic.....	1,000
Pictorial Review.....	1,000
American Magazine.....	1,000
5% Saturday Evening Post	
100 words top second reading matter column, 50 consecutive pages.....	5,000
5% Literary Digest	
Similar mechanical sampling.....	5,000
Total number of words analyzed.....	100,000



The stages of the investigation may be subdivided into: 1) Counting, recording, arranging, and listing the 100,000 words, 2) Transcribing the different words recorded in a fonetic notation based on the Revised Scientific Alfabet, 3) Analizing this fonetic transcription with respect to sillables, reducing the data thus secured from the medium precision (48 sound) basis of the Revised Scientific Alfabet to the minimum precision (41 sound) basis of the fonetic print alfabet adopted; arranging, charting, and summarizing the results in various ways, 4) Similar analisis, arrangement, and charting with respect to separate single sounds.

The word counting stage was expedited and checkt as far as possible by mechanical and other aids, including specially printed record cards, Veeder counters, Rand card holders, Smith steel signals, and a special card ledger desk. This stage, with the fonetic transcription on the original cards which accompanied it, required in all about 1200 hours. The methods used resulted in an error of not more than 3 words in any 5,000 word selection, and of only 3 words for the final total of 100,000.

In this basic count every variant of a single root was treated as a separate word; e g *large*, *larger*, *largest*, *largely* were treated as 4 separate words. This was of course essential to the analisis of sillables and sounds to follow. The 10,119 different word cards secured on this basis were arranged in order of frequency, and the 1,027 commonest which occurd more than 10 times each, listed, forming Table 3, the list of *Particular words* by frequency, which totals 78,633. These 1,027 cards were also arranged in alfabetic order and listed, forming Table 5, the index list of *Particular words*.

While this separate consideration of all variant forms was essential for the analisis to follow, the relativ frequency of the more common words grouping together all common variants of one root, is equally interesting and for some purposes more significant. The entire body of cards for particular words was therefore rearranged group-



ing † variants together ; \* single analitic cards substituted for all groups totaling over 10 occurrences, and all cards now over 10 arranged and listed in order of frequency and in alfabetic order, forming the *Root words* lists, Tables 4 and 6, which parallel the *Particular words* lists above noted. In the *Root words* lists number in colum at left shows combined frequency, while number following / at right shows number of different forms which make up the total; omission of this / and number indicating that the word occurd only in the form appearing in the list.

For the second stage it was necessary to hav: a) a definit authority for pronunciation; b) an explicit and unmistakable fonetic notation; and c) particularly for the third and fourth stages to follow, a definit linear order for the fonetic alfabet.

The Standard Dictionary (Funk & Wagnalls, New York) was chosen as the only possible authority for such an investigation by reason of its use of the Revised Scientific Alfabet (popularly known as the N E A key alfabet) for indicating pronunciation. The uncouth and obsolete "Webster" notation, quite similar in the other American dictionaries, misleading and objectionable for any fonetic purpose, is quite impossible as a basis for such an investigation, for on the one hand its complex and cumbersome diacritic notation represents the avowedly same sound in several different ways, while on the other it indicates certain differences of sound not merely subtle but according to the most competent authority non-existent. Murray's New Oxford Dictionary, using ‡ the International Fonetic Association alfabet, was not completed, and would in any case hav conformd les closely to American usage.

\* 20 of the commonest suffix variants so groupd were

-s	-(a)tion(s)	-ive	-al
-ed	-ment(s)	(e)th	-ance
-ing(s)	-est	ful	-y
-er(s)	-(e)n	less	-ity
-ly	-ant	-ness	-able

Combinations such as *drive*, *driven*, in which a markt change in the sound of the root takes place, were *not* made.

† suffix.

‡ substantially.

The principal defect of the Revised Scientific Alphabet, for the particular purposes of this analysis, was its use of 4 complex digraf ligatures for the 4 consonant sounds of *thin then ship chap*, and its writing of the vowel diphthongs by their component elements, interfering seriously with the mechanical ease and certainty of identifying and distributing syllables by their single explicit vowel element. These difficulties are fully overcome in the fonetic alphabet adopted for this investigation, which is set forth in detail in Appendix A. This alphabet is based on careful study of all important previous attempts at a fonetic notation for English, and extended correspondence and conference with the ablest fonetists of the United States, including particularly Professor Raymond Weeks of Columbia and Professor Charles H Grandgent of Harvard, both of whom were of great assistance in determining this notation and the question of linear order following. In view of its subsequent adoption by the Simplified Spelling Board, for indicating pronunciation in its various publications, it may be designated as the S S B key alphabet.

No definite linear order for a fonetic notation has been established by competent authority. The nearest approach to an accepted order is found in the usual presentations of the alphabet of Pitmanic shorthand, which proceed in general: from consonant to vowel to diphthong; from explodant to continuant consonant groups, and from palatal to labial vowel groups; from front to back in point of articulation of consonants, from back to front in vowels; from surd to sonant in consonant pairs, from short to long (sometimes from long to short) in vowel pairs; with the 4 vowel diphthongs usually distinguished by their latter elements. These tendencies, useful for shorthand presentation, were carefully considered in establishing the definite order shown in Appendix A. This appendix will repay careful study in interpreting the results hereafter presented.

The fonetic transcription from Key 1 of the Standard Dictionary to the word cards did not make the reduction from 48 to 41 sounds referred to in Appendix A. The 7 additional sounds interpolate readily in the linear order,

as will appear in Table 15 (page 125) which gives the frequency of the 48 sounds in fonetic order.

The preferred or first of alternative pronunciations was used uniformly.

The third stage, analysis by syllables, which required, including final tabulation of results, about 1080 hours, was based on the *Particular word* cards secured by stages 1 and 2; each card now containing among other data the total frequency, conventional spelling, and fonetic transcription of one word. Specially printed analysis cards, on which entries were made with a set of 100 rubber stamps numbered from 0 to 99, were used. The analysis was arranged to determine for each syllable not only its total frequency of occurrence but also how often it occurred initially, medially, or finally, or alone in words.

Immediately on completion of the syllable analysis above described the syllable cards were combined on a 41 sound basis, eliminating the 7 finest distinctions (see Appendix A) of the 48 sound dictionary key. This step gave about 4,400 different syllable cards, showing a total of about 143,000 syllables for the 100,000 words. The 1370 most frequent of these syllables forming 133,586 syllable occurrences, or over 93% of the total, form the basis of the syllable data hereafter reported.

The procedure of the fourth stage, analysis by sounds, which required in all about 720 hours, was similar to that above described for the syllable analysis. Two complete independent analyses by sounds were made, the first distinguishing the occurrence of sounds initially, medially, or finally, or alone in *syllables*; the second distinguishing their occurrence similarly in *words*. The total results of these 2 analyses gave an important and necessary check, the only check possible, on this stage of the investigation; while the separate data of both analyses are profoundly important as a guide to shorthand construction.

The total results of the sound analysis are reported on a 48 sound, a 41 sound, and a 40 sound basis, as will be described in the section on sounds. The results of the 2 more detailed analyses, showing position of sounds in syllables or words, are reported on a 41 sound basis only.

Incidental data on the occurrence of proper names, numerals, abbreviations, punctuation, etc., are summarized briefly in Table 2 following.

TABLE 2. INCIDENTAL DATA

(not included in count of 100,000 words analyzed)

Proper names.....	6,404	
Numerals.....	2,102	
Titles & salutations		
Mr.....	148	
Mrs.....	44	
General.....	44	
Sir.....	33	
Secretary.....	28	
Miss.....	25	
Judge.....	18	
Dr.....	14	
Gentlemen.....	13	
Colonel.....	12	
Other miscellaneous.....	<u>203</u>	
		582
Abbreviations (not including titles)		
Co.....	16	
No.....	13	
Other miscellaneous.....	<u>81</u>	
		110
Foren words (chiefly French & Latin)		42
Punctuation		
, .....	5,951	
. ....	5,275	
" .....	2,416	
" " (1,108 x 2).....	2,216	
' .....	835	
— .....	540	
; .....	442	
? .....	330	
! .....	304	
( ) (122 x 2).....	244	
: .....	218	
\$ .....	76	
& .....	23	
/ .....	16	
% .....	13	
Other miscellaneous.....	<u>13</u>	
		18,912
Number of sentences.....		5,446
Average length of sentence, including proper names but excluding numerals, etc: $106,404 \div 5,446 = 19.6$ words (about)		

## Part 2—Words





## Part 2

### Words

#### *Relative frequency of the commoner words of English*

Tables 3 and 4 following show, in parallel columns, the frequency of every word occurring oftener than 10 times in 100,000 words: the left column, *Particular words*, considering each variant form as a separate word; the right column, *Root words*, grouping together all ordinary variants of one root.\* The figures following the bar at the extreme right show the number of variant forms so grouped in each case.

Summarizing Table 3, *Particular words*:

9 words form over 25 % of the whole 100,000	
69                    "                    50 %                    "	
732                    "                    75 %                    "	
<i>or</i>	

10 words make up 26,677 of the whole 100,000	
100                    "                    54,303                    "	
1,000                    "                    78,336                    "	
<i>and</i>	

1,027 words occur over 10 times, totaling 78,633 words.

In the *Root words* table:

1,131 words occur over 10 times, totaling 87,358 words.

For the 1,000 commonest words, the *Root words* table exceeds the *Particular words* table by less than 10%, a difference which decreases progressively for any lesser number of words.

These figures I consider amply to justify the general conclusions that, of any specimen of connected English sufficiently long to be fairly representative:

<i>The 10 commonest words here reported will form over 25%</i>			
(2) 100	"	"	50%
1,000	"	"	75%

\* See page 10-11.

The first conclusion will undoubtedly hold for specimens as short as 1,000 words, the second should hold for 10,000 words or more, the third may or may not hold strictly for reasonably diversified material of 100,000 words or more. Beyond this point no *general* statement as to the most common words can be developed, even by counting 1,000,000 words or more,\* for the nature of the words encountered is no longer common to all grammatical discourse but varies more and more widely according to the subject matter of the material counted.

The figures here reported clearly indicate the too sweeping nature of previous conclusions as to the frequency or importance of the 1,000 commonest words—conclusions based on counts of not sufficiently diversified material.

Tables 3 and 4 of words in order of frequency are immediately followed by Tables 5 and 6 of the same words in alphabetic order, also in parallel columns and showing frequencies.

\* See statement by Ayres, referred to on page 5.

TABLE 3

7,310 the  
3,998 of  
3,280 and  
2,924 to  
2,120 a  
2,116 in  
1,345 that  
1,216 it  
1,213 is  
1,155 I  
1,035 for  
846 be  
839 was  
782 as  
775 you  
727 with  
680 he  
643 on  
617 have  
600 by  
589 not  
585 at  
572 this  
542 are  
529 we  
517 his  
504 but  
478 they  
466 all  
458 or  
454 which  
445 will  
433 from  
411 had  
390 has  
368 one  
331 our  
330 an  
(3) 328 been  
321 no  
315 their  
306 there  
305 were ✓  
300 so  
296 my  
263 if  
257 me  
253 what  
252 would  
248 who

TABLE 4

7,310 the  
3,998 of  
3,280 and  
2,924 to  
2,120 a  
2,116 in  
1,488 it /4  
1,367 that /3  
1,236 I /5  
1,224 is /2  
1,035 for  
956 be /3  
850 was /2  
808 you /5  
782 as  
727 with  
687 he /3  
658 have /3  
643 on  
600 by  
589 not  
585 at  
572 this  
549 are /2  
537 we /3  
517 his  
504 but  
495 they /4  
467 all /2  
464 will /6  
458 or  
454 which  
433 from  
414 had /2  
390 has  
389 one /3  
357 our /3  
330 an  
329 been  
329 my /2  
329 there /3  
321 no  
319 their /2  
307 were /2  
300 so  
285 him /2  
283 your /4  
277 can /4  
267 would /2  
263 if

46,067 [50]

46,922 /101

TABLE 3

237 when  
234 him  
228 them  
222 her  
214 war ✓  
214 your  
210 any  
210 more  
210 now ✓  
208 its  
205 time ✓  
204 up  
203 do  
203 out  
197 can  
194 than  
189 only ✓  
188 she  
170 made ✓  
169 other ✓  
166 into ✓  
164 men ✓  
163 must  
163 people  
161 said  
160 may  
156 man  
153 about ✓  
153 over  
152 some ✓  
152 these  
146 two  
145 very  
139 before ✓  
134 great  
133 could  
132 such  
131 first  
129 upon  
124 every  
124 how  
123 come  
123 us  
120 shall  
118 should  
115 then  
113 like ✓  
113 well ✓  
111 little ✓  
111 say ✓

54,303 [100]

TABLE 4

262 them /2  
260 what /2  
257 me  
248 who  
239 do /2  
237 when  
234 her /3  
232 time /2  
217 war /2  
210 any  
210 more  
210 now  
207 up /3  
206 out /3  
194 other /2  
194 she /3  
194 than  
191 say /4  
189 only  
180 people /3  
178 great /5  
175 day /4  
171 come /4  
171 know /4  
170 made  
168 men /2  
168 must /2  
167 man /5  
166 into  
166 make /6  
164 take /4  
162 may /2  
161 said  
153 about  
153 over  
152 some  
152 these  
152 year /2  
147 could /2  
146 how /2  
146 two  
145 very  
144 go /3  
142 see /3  
139 before  
132 such  
131 first  
129 like /7  
129 upon  
127 give /4

55,899 /214

TABLE 3

108	because
108	being ✓
108	under
107	after ✓
107	here ✓
106	good ✓
105	make ✓
105	most
104	many ✓
104	much
104	those
104	way ✓
103	see
103	world ✓
102	know ✓
101	day ✓
101	never ✓
100	did
99	new
95	down
94	even
94	long
93	years
92	country
91	business
91	right ✓
89	get
89	life
86	just
④ 86	take ✓
83	where ✓
83	work
82	things
79	part ✓
78	through
78	while
77	last
77	might
75	am
75	back
75	old
75	own
75	three
73	against
73	go
73	think
71	came
71	matter
70	days
70	without

58,795 [150]

TABLE 4

127	work /7
126	thing /2
125	good /3
124	every
123	did /2
123	us
120	shall
119	should /2
119	way /2
117	after /3
117	get /3
117	world /4
115	then
113	well
112	little /2
111	country /5
110	here /2
110	just /4
110	long /7
110	right /6
109	under /2
108	because
107	most /2
104	many
104	much
104	new /4
104	those
101	never
100	use /6
99	think /3
98	down /3
97	part /3
94	even
94	through /2
92	state /6
91	business
90	life /2
90	own /6
88	today /2
85	call /6
85	fact /4
85	last /4
85	place /4
84	large /4
84	might /5
84	old /4
83	back /5
83	want /4
83	where
82	interest /4

61,055 /367

TABLE 3

69	also
68	public
④ 68	today
68	yet
67	don't
67	same
67	thought
63	each
63	far
63	home
63	put
62	again
62	always
61	nothing
61	present <i>a &amp; n</i>
60	between
60	going
60	money
60	per
59	once
59	peace
59	woman
59	year
58	another
58	away
58	cannot ✓
58	fact
58	half
58	still
57	give
57	government
57	power
57	too
56	yours
55	found
54	few
54	possible
53	does
53	food
53	house
53	less
53	oh
52	best
52	case
52	line
52	place
52	says
52	since
51	ever
51	himself

61,717 [200]

TABLE 4

81	hand /4
81	high /4
79	line /2
79	while /2
78	govern /9
76	matter /2
75	am
75	ask /4
75	seem /3
75	thought /3
75	three
73	against
72	gun /3
72	mean /4
72	possible /4
72	real /4
72	show /5
71	came
71	case /2
71	home /3
71	order /4
71	tell /3
70	act /8
70	without
69	also
69	cent /2
69	look /4
69	need /6
69	public /2
68	name /5
68	power /3
68	present /3a &
68	yet
67	don't
67	pay /6
67	put /3
67	same
67	ship /7
66	house /3
64	far /2
64	save /3
63	does /2
63	each
63	loss /3
62	again
62	always
62	fight /3
62	month /4
62	peace /3
61	nothing

64,538 /517

TABLE 3

51 let  
 51 military  
 51 tell  
 51 why  
 50 big  
 50 got  
 50 until  
 50 went  
 49 find  
 49 five  
 48 dear  
 48 interest  
 48 left  
 48 order  
 48 service  
 48 set  
 48 steel  
 47 women  
 46 among  
 46 front  
 46 given  
 46 hand  
 46 high  
 46 means  
 46 night  
 46 small  
 46 taken  
 45 both  
 45 morning  
 45 used  
 45 whole  
 44 city  
 44 enough  
 44 gun  
 44 next  
 44 thing  
 44 want  
 43 army  
 43 off  
 43 pay  
 43 side  
 43 stand  
 42 purpose  
 42 soon  
 42 whose  
 41 during  
 41 saw  
 41 young  
 40 believe  
 40 call

TABLE 4

61 stand /3  
 60 between  
 60 money  
 60 per  
 60 true /2  
 59 believe /5  
 59 dear /5  
 59 nation /3  
 59 once  
 59 report /6  
 59 woman  
 58 another  
 58 away  
 58 follow /4  
 58 half  
 58 live /4  
 58 purpose /2  
 58 still  
 57 army /3  
 57 cause /4  
 57 find /3  
 57 kind /4  
 57 law /6  
 57 too  
 56 few /2  
 56 found /2  
 56 less /4  
 56 letter /2  
 56 train /5  
 55 carry /4  
 55 food /2  
 55 general /4  
 55 hour /4  
 54 big /3  
 54 eye /3  
 54 form /8  
 54 service /3  
 54 set /3  
 54 small /3  
 54 turn /4  
 53 number /4  
 53 oh  
 53 six /5  
 52 best  
 52 consider /8  
 52 labor /6  
 52 love /7  
 52 near /4  
 52 since  
 52 whole /2

TABLE 3

40 done  
 40 fighting  
 40 name  
 40 situation  
 40 something  
 40 took  
 39 cent  
 39 labor  
 39 large  
 39 mind  
 39 water  
 38 battle  
 38 conditions  
 38 it's  
 38 statement  
 38 though  
 37 almost  
 37 course  
 37 general  
 37 nation  
 37 several  
 37 six  
 36 ago  
 36 asked  
 36 doing  
 36 either  
 36 gave  
 36 letter  
 36 seen  
 36 state  
 36 use *v*  
 35 amount  
 35 children  
 35 four  
 35 full  
 35 necessary  
 34 books  
 34 certain  
 34 early  
 34 law  
 34 themselves  
 33 brought  
 33 capital  
 33 coal  
 33 end  
 33 eyes  
 33 forty  
 33 known  
 33 myself  
 33 really

TABLE 4

51 city /4  
 51 condition /2  
 51 ever  
 51 feel /3  
 51 let  
 51 military  
 51 why  
 50 certain /3  
 50 end /5  
 50 girl /2  
 50 got  
 50 hope /8  
 50 pass /4  
 50 side /2  
 50 until  
 50 went  
 49 continue /11  
 49 five  
 49 force /6  
 49 front /3  
 49 night /2  
 49 open /6  
 49 pound /3  
 49 water /3  
 48 care /9  
 48 commit /6  
 48 left  
 48 permit /5  
 48 person /6  
 48 plan /4  
 48 point /3  
 48 reason /6  
 48 soon /2  
 48 steel  
 48 women /2  
 47 full /3  
 46 among  
 46 build /7  
 46 differ /7  
 46 morning /2  
 46 read /5  
 46 require /5  
 45 book /:  
 45 both  
 45 fail /6  
 45 free /3  
 45 keep /5  
 45 price /4  
 45 supply /4  
 44 enough

TABLE 3

33 save
33 told
33 yesterday
32 better
32 called
32 cause
32 feel
32 free
32 girl
32 hands
32 keep
32 love
32 making
32 months
32 need
32 number
32 point
32 rather
32 subject
32 wheat
32 wrong
31 afternoon
31 enemy
31 having
31 kind
31 open
31 real
31 show
31 whether
30 able
30 anything
30 ask
30 become
30 cents
30 dinner
30 face
30 feet
30 hope
30 I'm
30 knew
30 knows
30 look
30 price
30 seems
30 true
30 truly
30 turned
30 twenty
29 committee
29 common

TABLE 4

44 meet /4
44 mind /3
44 move /6
44 next
44 question /4
44 result /4
43 battle /3
43 boy /4
43 off
43 operate /9
42 charge /4
42 direct /8
42 enemy /3
42 idea /2
42 mile /3
42 million /4
42 whose
41 begin /4
41 capital /6
41 during
41 early /3
41 face /3
41 four /3
41 saw
41 situation /2
41 soldier /5
41 young
40 done
40 ease /5
40 increase /4
40 respect /8
40 something
40 subject /4
40 thousand /2
40 took
40 week /2
40 write /5
39 become /3
39 change /4
39 child /4
39 complete /5
39 friend /4
39 hold /5
39 industry /4
39 object /10
39 wrong /2
38 announce /6
38 attack /4
38 children /2
38 clear /7

TABLE 3

29 further
29 future
29 held
29 idea
29 miles
29 past
29 view
28 action
28 along
28 boys
28 complete
28 lost
28 nor
28 result
28 send
28 sent
28 use <i>n</i>
28 whom
28 wish
27 already
27 beginning
27 buy
27 head
27 lines
27 moment
27 office
27 often
27 party
27 quite
27 saying
27 soldiers
27 thousand
27 times
26 hour
26 hours
26 impossible
26 itself
26 makes
26 perhaps
26 pounds
26 seemed
26 special
26 troops
26 value
25 above
25 building
25 different
25 flour
25 hear
25 help

TABLE 4

38 course /2
38 demand /4
38 exist /6
38 head /7
38 necessary /3
38 office /2
38 politic /6
38 though
38 value /5
38 wish /4
38 word /3
37 almost
37 amount /3
37 cost /4
37 drive /4
37 forty /3
37 official /3
37 reach /4
37 remember /4
37 several
37 view /4
36 ago
36 buy /5
36 either
36 express /6
36 farm /6
36 gave
36 help /5
36 inform /4
36 land /4
36 organize /4
36 party /3
36 receive /4
36 trouble /5
36 wheat /2
35 car /2
35 enforce /4
35 perfect /4
35 regard /5
35 special /5
34 destroy /7
34 issue /4
34 late /4
34 loan /2
34 note /5
34 officer /3
34 recent /2
34 speak /5
34 success /5
33 afternoon /3



TABLE 3

25 land
25 loan
25 others
25 sea
25 together
25 week
24 administration
24 behind
24 built
24 child
24 drive
24 electric
24 important
24 indeed
24 information
24 knowledge
24 month
24 note
24 opinion
24 read, <i>present</i>
24 second
24 ten
24 thirty
24 wanted
23 air
23 began
23 care
23 carry
23 charge
23 clear
23 comes
23 coming
23 company
23 didn't
23 eight
23 except
23 force
23 ground
23 guns
23 heard
23 looking
23 mean
23 modern
23 near
23 officers
23 political
23 poor
23 position
23 pretty
23 question

TABLE 4

33 base /6
33 brought
33 coal
33 heavy /5
33 import /3
33 moment /4
33 please /3
33 return /4
33 school /4
33 send /2
33 serve /6
33 simple /4
33 sure /3
33 talk /4
33 told
33 yesterday
32 administer /6
32 appear /5
32 better
32 control /5
32 desire /6
32 fire /4
32 play /5
32 propose /5
32 rather
31 bombard /5
31 bring /3
31 common /3
31 effect /5
31 ground /2
31 happen /5
31 hard /7
31 hear /3
31 road /2
31 run /4
31 sea /2
31 secure /6
31 street /2
31 thank /4
31 twenty /2
31 whether
30 able
30 anything
30 attend /6
30 company /3
30 dinner
30 dollar /3
30 employ /7
30 feet
30 field /2

TABLE 3

23 reason
23 received
23 school
23 yes
22 around
22 court
22 department
22 dollars
22 family
22 hold
22 however
22 kept
22 living
22 million
22 offensive
22 official
22 plan
22 pound
22 remember
22 reports
22 taking
22 tea
22 third
22 worth
21 alone
21 can't
21 carried
21 change
21 cost
21 effort
21 evening
21 fight
21 following
21 glad
21 hard
21 heavy
21 hundred
21 list
21 national
21 needs
21 o'clock
21 perfect
21 products
21 proper
21 road
21 room
21 street
21 sure
21 thank
21 that's

TABLE 4

30 knew
30 learn /3
30 machine /3
30 mere /2
30 minute /3
30 offense /3
30 picture /3
30 provide /4
30 understand /3
29 body /4
29 cut /4
29 deal /6
29 effort /2
29 entire /2
29 expect /6
29 figure /3
29 further
29 future
29 grow /5
29 happy /5
29 held
29 horse /2
29 particular /3
29 past
29 product /4
29 self /4
29 sit /4
29 trust /5
28 account /5
28 along
28 answer /4
28 electric /2
28 lead /5
28 mother /3
28 nor
28 opinion /2
28 represent /7
28 safe /4
28 sent
28 strange /5
28 use <i>n</i>
28 whom
27 already
27 authority /2
27 bear /5
27 defend /7
27 execute /8
27 final /3
27 leave /4
27 often

TABLE 3

21 trouble
21 truth
21 unless
21 write
20 account
20 continue
20 field
20 gone
20 I'll
20 I've
20 justice
20 letters
20 live <i>v</i>
20 loss
20 meeting
20 met
20 method
20 mother
20 nature
20 ourselves
20 pass
20 range
20 regard
20 ships
20 sort
20 story
20 talk
20 victory
20 within
19 age
19 attention
19 beyond
19 bombardment
19 bring
19 cases
19 check
19 easy
19 happy
19 human
19 interesting
19 least
19 material
19 meet
19 memory
19 milk
19 oil
19 particular
19 permitted
19 plans
19 ready

TABLE 4

27 patriot /6
27 plain /3
27 pretty /4
27 quite
27 rate /3
27 wonder /5
27 worth /3
26 chair /5
26 command /9
26 deliver /5
26 department /3
26 discover /6
26 eat /5
26 establish /5
26 family /3
26 father /3
26 flour /2
26 heart /7
26 human /4
26 immediate /2
26 impossible
26 method /2
26 pack /7
26 perhaps
26 seven /5
26 strike /3
26 transport /3
26 troops
25 above
25 agree /7
25 air /3
25 apply /6
25 arrive /4
25 bond /3
25 concern /4
25 correspond /5
25 else /3
25 evening /3
25 experience /3
25 favor /6
25 judge /5
25 knowledge /2
25 low /5
25 mine /5
25 practical /2
25 prepare /4
25 realize /4
25 remain /5
25 sense /5
25 sort /3

TABLE 3

19 report
19 seem
19 sense
19 similar
19 stooped
19 strength
19 success
19 supply
19 system
19 thinking
19 till
19 toward
19 train
19 understand
19 word
18 although
18 answer
18 artillery
18 attack
18 body
18 bonds
18 cars
18 cut
18 doubt
18 duty
18 eye
18 fifty
18 foreign
18 form
18 fresh
18 girls
18 heart
18 history
18 largest
18 leave
18 light
18 machine
18 merely
18 news
18 numbers
18 places
18 play
18 probably
18 problem
18 rate
18 recent
18 required
18 rest
18 run
18 ship

TABLE 4

25 system /7
25 thirty /2
25 together
25 try /2
25 watch /3
24 accord /4
24 address /4
24 age /3
24 ally /3
24 awful /2
24 beauty /3
24 behind
24 built
24 collect /10
24 contract /3
24 duty /2
24 fall /4
24 history /5
24 hundred /2
24 indeed
24 manufacture /6
24 meat /3
24 member /2
24 poor /2
24 press /4
24 room /3
24 second
24 store /4
24 support /5
24 ten
24 touch /5
24 toward /2
24 wait /3
23 add /4
23 admit /5
23 art /5
23 bad /2
23 began
23 check /3
23 claim /3
23 court /2
23 draw /5
23 eight
23 except
23 fear /4
23 heard
23 limit /4
23 main /2
23 marry /4
23 modern

TABLE 3

18 simple  
 18 support  
 18 town  
 18 words  
 17 according  
 17 announced  
 17 authority  
 17 car  
 17 character  
 17 cold  
 17 community  
 17 control  
 17 effect  
 17 enforced  
 17 everything  
 17 experience  
 17 father  
 17 figures  
 17 fine  
 17 forward  
 17 friend  
 17 friends  
 17 goods  
 17 higher  
 17 horses  
 17 instead  
 17 meat  
 17 none  
 17 object  
 17 parts  
 17 passed  
 17 permit  
 17 president  
 17 reach  
 17 return  
 17 saved  
 17 self  
 17 speak  
 17 strange  
 17 suppose  
 17 terms  
 17 thus  
 ④ 17 to-day  
 17 total  
 17 training  
 17 trust  
 17 turn  
 17 win  
 17 won't  
 16 affairs

TABLE 4

23 motor /6  
 23 paper /2  
 23 position  
 23 problem /2  
 23 produce /6  
 23 profit /5  
 23 purchase /6  
 23 shell /3  
 23 suggest /6  
 23 yes  
 22 around  
 22 bank /5  
 22 decide /4  
 22 equal /3  
 22 fine /4  
 22 fish /7  
 22 hero /4  
 22 honor /3  
 22 imagine /5  
 22 kept  
 22 list /2  
 22 national /2  
 22 possess /8  
 22 reduce /3  
 22 responsible /3  
 22 seize /5  
 22 sell /4  
 22 start /3  
 22 step /3  
 22 story /2  
 22 straight /5  
 22 strong /4  
 22 suppose /2  
 22 tea  
 22 term /2  
 22 third  
 22 ton /3  
 22 truth /2  
 22 victor /3  
 21 addition /3  
 21 advance /5  
 21 alone  
 21 bill /2  
 21 chief /3  
 21 citizen /2  
 21 contain /4  
 21 danger /4  
 21 declare /4  
 21 delay /3  
 21 develop /4

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16 avenue  
 16 awfully  
 16 contract  
 16 county  
 16 delay  
 16 demand  
 16 else  
 16 feeling  
 16 generally  
 16 getting  
 16 greater  
 16 honor  
 16 issue  
 16 laws  
 16 low  
 16 main  
 16 members  
 16 millions  
 16 minutes  
 16 nations  
 16 opportunity  
 16 ought  
 16 paid  
 16 picture  
 16 plain  
 16 pleased  
 16 pleasure  
 16 property  
 16 proposed  
 16 purposes  
 16 ques+ions  
 16 reasons  
 16 recently  
 16 sight  
 16 social  
 16 south  
 16 stood  
 16 summer  
 16 task  
 16 therefore  
 16 tons  
 16 unto  
 16 whatever  
 16 white  
 16 you're  
 15 act  
 15 address  
 15 allies  
 15 announcement  
 15 attitude

TABLE 4

21 difficult /3  
 21 doubt /3  
 21 enter /4  
 21 equip /3  
 21 gain /4  
 21 glad  
 21 include /4  
 21 lack /4  
 21 natural /4  
 21 nature /2  
 21 o'clock  
 21 prevent /5  
 21 probable /3  
 21 progress /3  
 21 proper  
 21 railroad /3  
 21 rule /5  
 21 slave /3  
 21 spirit /3  
 21 task /2  
 21 unless  
 21 west /3  
 20 accept /6  
 20 active /3  
 20 affair /2  
 20 arm /4  
 20 arrange /5  
 20 capture /3  
 20 character /3  
 20 construct /4  
 20 county /2  
 20 determine /4  
 20 faith /4  
 20 fellow /3  
 20 fill /4  
 20 gentle /5  
 20 gone  
 20 maintain /4  
 20 mark /4  
 20 memory /2  
 20 met  
 20 milk /2  
 20 oil /2  
 20 principle /2  
 20 range  
 20 seek /3  
 20 serious /3  
 20 stoop /2  
 20 strength /2  
 20 suit /4

TABLE 3

15 available
15 bad
15 bill
15 board
15 consider
15 due
15 efficiency
15 entirely
15 existence
15 failure
15 fellow
15 felt
15 final
15 fire
15 greatly
15 increased
15 industrial
15 industry
15 larger
15 learned
15 losses
15 miss
15 nearly
15 necessity
15 personal
15 please
15 practical
15 progress <i>n</i>
15 respectfully
15 safe
15 shells
15 sold
15 transportation
15 vessels
15 ways
15 weeks
15 west
15 won
15 wouldn't
14 across
14 advantage
14 art
14 average
14 basis
14 beautiful
14 certainly
14 chief
14 citizens
14 class
14 command

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TABLE 4

20 tax /4
20 throw /4
20 town /2
20 win /3
20 within
19 artillery /2
19 beyond
19 camp /3
19 cheap /4
19 class /3
19 close /3 <i>adj</i>
19 deep /5
19 foreign /2
19 fund /3
19 handle /5
19 least
19 liberty /2
19 material
19 mill /2
19 miss /4
19 neighbor/4
19 paint /6
19 president/2
19 provision/2
19 ready
19 refer /6
19 senate /4
19 short /4
19 sight /3
19 similar
19 study /4
19 teach /5
19 till
19 total /2
19 trade /5
19 usual /2
18 although
18 aid /3
18 board /3
18 break /2
18 cold /2
18 community/2
18 count /5
18 critic /7
18 economy/7
18 explain /4
18 fair /4
18 fifty
18 fly /4
18 forward /2

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TABLE 3

14 couldn't
14 danger
14 date
14 defender
14 defense
14 distance
14 easily
14 entire
14 equipment
14 established
14 everywhere
14 fell
14 followed
14 immediate
14 moved
14 names
14 ones
14 operation
14 patriotism
14 period
14 person
14 read <i>past</i>
14 region
14 round
14 sat
14 saving
14 sit
14 sometimes
14 spirit
14 standard
14 step
14 strike
14 strong
14 study
14 supplies
14 throughout
14 try
14 various
14 wait
14 wonder
14 written
13 aid
13 altogether
13 armies
13 arrived
13 black
13 boy
13 break
13 broken
13 chair

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TABLE 4

18 fresh
18 instruct /5
18 light
18 news
18 nine /5
18 offer /5
18 opportunity/2
18 pure /4
18 quick /5
18 remark /5
18 rest
18 sacrifice /3
18 settle /5
18 shape /4
18 social /3
18 standard/3
18 station /3
18 type /2
18 vessel /2
18 voice /3
17 attempt/4
17 avail /3
17 avenue /2
17 bore /4
17 conduct /5
17 confer /3
17 constitute /6
17 cross /4
17 crowd /4
17 date /2
17 defense/3
17 detail /3
17 drink /4
17 everything
17 expense /3
17 expert /2
17 factory /2
17 instance/2
17 instead
17 invest /4
17 market /4
17 measure/4
17 none
17 observe /7
17 pleasure/2
17 raise /5
17 relate /7
17 ring /3
17 section /3
17 south /2

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TABLE 3

13 close *adj*  
 13 condition  
 13 considered  
 13 desire  
 13 drawn  
 13 facts  
 13 fail  
 13 farm  
 13 fear  
 13 foot  
 13 forces  
 13 gives  
 13 ideas  
 13 job  
 13 kindly  
 13 laid  
 13 learn  
 13 looked  
 13 market  
 13 minute  
 13 motor  
 13 neither  
 13 neutral  
 13 non  
 13 orders  
 13 paper  
 13 persons  
 13 press  
 13 pressure  
 13 provide  
 13 provided  
 13 reached  
 13 red  
 13 sacrifice  
 13 satisfactory  
 13 secure  
 13 serious  
 13 seven  
 13 showing  
 13 simply  
 13 single  
 13 size  
 13 table  
 13 thousands  
 13 touch  
 13 trains  
 13 twelve  
 13 village  
 13 weather  
 13 willing

TABLE 4

17 table /3  
 17 test /4  
 17 thus  
 17 vary /3  
 17 weigh /5  
 17 window /2  
 17 won't  
 17 wound /4  
 16 actual /2  
 16 advantage /3  
 16 attitude /2  
 16 beside /2  
 16 clean /5  
 16 cover /4  
 16 custom /5  
 16 depend /6  
 16 distribute /4  
 16 inspire /6  
 16 listen /4  
 16 necessity /2  
 16 north /3  
 16 obtain /3  
 16 ought  
 16 paid  
 16 plant /4  
 16 property  
 16 refuse /4  
 16 region /2  
 16 round /3  
 16 size /3  
 16 stood  
 16 suffer /3  
 16 summer  
 16 unto  
 16 vote /4  
 16 waste /5  
 16 whatever  
 16 white  
 16 wire /5  
 16 witness /5  
 15 allow /5  
 15 baby /3  
 15 bed /2  
 15 belong /4  
 15 broke /2  
 15 consume /4  
 15 cry /4  
 15 democrat /3  
 15 die /3  
 15 due

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13 wise  
 13 working  
 12 addition  
 12 advance  
 12 apparently  
 12 attacks  
 12 carbon  
 12 causes  
 12 changed  
 12 claim  
 12 confidence  
 12 considerable  
 12 cooperation  
 12 correspondent  
 12 cream  
 12 declared  
 12 demanded  
 12 difference  
 12 direct  
 12 driven  
 12 excellent  
 12 expect  
 12 experts  
 12 favor  
 12 fish  
 12 follow  
 12 forget  
 12 gets  
 12 gold  
 12 grown  
 12 horse  
 12 immediately  
 12 largely  
 12 late  
 12 later  
 12 liberty  
 12 majority  
 12 married  
 12 measure  
 12 mere  
 12 middle  
 12 mile  
 12 native  
 12 natural  
 12 needed  
 12 nobody  
 12 normal  
 12 officials  
 12 ordinary  
 12 organization

TABLE 4

15 efficiency  
 15 felt  
 15 firm  
 15 gather /5  
 15 gold /2  
 15 hill /4  
 15 individual /3  
 15 influence /4  
 15 inquire /4  
 15 insist /5  
 15 involve /3  
 15 job /2  
 15 kill /4  
 15 lay /4  
 15 native /2  
 15 neutral /2  
 15 practise /3  
 15 proceed /6  
 15 promise /4  
 15 rapid /4  
 15 resource /2  
 15 sign /3  
 15 sold  
 15 stay /3  
 15 stone /2  
 15 stop /3  
 15 sweet /3  
 15 treat /6  
 15 wife /2  
 15 won  
 15 worse /2  
 14 accomplish /5  
 14 across  
 14 airplane /2  
 14 average  
 14 black /2  
 14 burn /3  
 14 comfort /3  
 14 conclude /6  
 14 contribute /5  
 14 defeat /2  
 14 distance  
 14 division /3  
 14 door /2  
 14 dream /4  
 14 enclose /3  
 14 engine /2  
 14 everywhere  
 14 examine /4  
 14 excel /3



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12 peoples
12 placed
12 possibility
12 prevent
12 principle
12 quickly
12 reported
12 ring
12 section
12 shipment
12 shown
12 sitting
12 speaking
12 spent
12 stage
12 station
12 stop
12 suit
12 taught
12 telling
12 tonight
12 type
12 unknown
12 using
12 usual
12 voice
12 wants
12 works
12 yourself
11 abroad
11 acts
11 afraid
11 agents
11 appeared
11 approximately
11 bear
11 became
11 blue
11 book
11 bore
11 bought
11 bread
11 busy
11 campaign
11 caught
11 construction
11 corn
11 costs
11 credit
11 daily

TABLE 4

14 extreme /2
14 fast /3
14 feature /3
14 fell
14 fit /4
14 forget /3
14 improve /5
14 introduce /3
14 mistake /2
14 moral /5
14 mystery /4
14 period
14 quarter /2
14 read <i>past</i>
14 ride /4
14 rush /3
14 sat
14 satisfactory /2
14 single /2
14 sometimes
14 substitute /3
14 tomorrow /2
14 travel /6
14 weather /2
14 winter /3
14 written
14 yard /2
13 achieve /4
13 admire /6
13 agent /2
13 aim /3
13 altogether
13 apparent /2
13 approximate /3
13 article /2
13 assure /5
13 brother /3
13 campaign /2
13 complain /5
13 convince /3
13 copy /3
13 corporation /2
13 degree /2
13 dwell /8
13 earth /2
13 engineer /3
13 estimate /3
13 event /3
13 exceed /4
13 finish /3

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11 deep
11 delivered
11 developed
11 earth
11 election
11 enclosed
11 engaged
11 engine
11 executive
11 existing
11 expected
11 express
11 expressed
11 fair
11 fall
11 fast
11 filled
11 finally
11 follows
11 forth
11 freedom
11 fund
11 gained
11 giving
11 goes
11 greatest
11 happen
11 herself
11 holding
11 I'd
11 immense
11 influence
11 instance
11 involved
11 isn't
11 judgment
11 lack
11 latter
11 longer
11 mental
11 mill
11 move
11 north
11 offices
11 pictures
11 police
11 prices
11 private
11 pure
11 quality

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13 flag /4
13 foot
13 guest /2
13 income /3
13 indicate /7
13 king /2
13 laid
13 loyal /3
13 majority /2
13 mass /3
13 master /2
13 mental /2
13 mention /2
13 neither
13 non
13 occasion /4
13 occur /5
13 ordinary /2
13 page /2
13 present /3 v
13 pressure
13 previous /2
13 prison /3
13 pull /5
13 quantity /2
13 railway /2
13 recognize /3
13 red
13 share /3
13 sound /5
13 speech /2
13 terrible /2
13 twelve
13 universe /5
13 utter /4
13 vast /3
13 village
13 wide /2
13 wise
12 absolute /3
12 amend /6
12 billion /2
12 blue /2
12 bread /2
12 busy /2
12 carbon
12 close /4 v
12 confidence
12 cooperation
12 corn /2



TABLE 3

II railroads
II responsible
II running
II seeing
II serve
II shape
II shipping
II spring
II staff
II started
II stay
II stone
II straight
II striking
II successful
II sum
II surely
II sweet
II tomorrow
II trade
II trying
II wasn't
II wide
II wife
II wild
II winter
II worse

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12 cream
12 daily /2
12 devote /3
12 disloyal
12 distinct /4
12 district /2
12 driven
12 east /3
12 exercise /3
12 floor /3
12 fright /5
12 furnish /3
12 hate /3
12 heaven /2
12 hence /2
12 highway /3
12 honest /3
12 ill /3
12 incident /3
12 insure /4
12 manner /2
12 march /3
12 middle
12 nobody
12 normal
12 physical /2
12 program /2
12 protect /3
12 record /5
12 river /2
12 roll /5
12 rub /3
12 seat /3
12 sentiment /3
12 shoulder /2
12 smile /4
12 speed /5
12 spent
12 spoke /2
12 square /3
12 stage
12 submarine /2
12 taught
12 tend /8
12 tire /3
12 tonight
12 tree /2
12 trench /2
12 union /2
12 unknown

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12 visit
12 wage /4
12 walk /4
12 warm /5
12 weak /6
12 wood /4
II abroad
II accompany /4
II affect /5
II afford /3
II afraid
II became
II bought
II caught
II cease /3
II chapter /2
II choice /2
II color /4
II consist /5
II contrast /2
II council /2
II credit
II death /2
II definite /2
⑥ II dispatch /3
II drop /4
II educate /4
II election
II engaged
II especial /2
II evidence /2
II evident /2
II exact /3
II extend /2
II fix /4
II forth
II garden /3
II generate /4
II glory /4
II hat /2
II health /3
II hurry /3
II ideal /3
II immense
II incline /3
II institute /4
II instrument /3
II latter
II launch /3
II lesson /2

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[1,050] 86,461 /3,234

[1,100] 87,017 /3,368

TABLE 4

II manage /5
II minor /3
II mount /4
II nice /3
II notice /4
II oblige /2
II police
II potato /2
II private
II pursue /5
II quality
II race /3
II raid /4
II rank /2
II remove /3
II reserve /5
II retailer /2
II sail /5
II skill /2
II spring
II staff
II stock /2
II struggle /3
II succeed /4
II sum
II summon /4
II surprise /3
II territory /3
II wagon /2
II wild
II worry /3

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occured in any case, ar abnormally enhanst in importance by the same conditions. The effect on the sillable or sound data is insignificant.

*Note* From a dozen to 20 "war words," such as *troops guns offensive bombardment artillery allies shells vessels patriotism neutral attacks submarine trench*, owe their presence in these tables to the fact that the material for analisis (Table 1, page 8) was selected during the spring of 1918, and that about half of that material was of an immediately current nature inevitably influenst by war conditions. Analisis of the original detaild data redily identifies and mesures the extent of this influence. A somewhat lesser number of words such as *war peace military gun soldiers fight*, which would hav

TABLE 5

TABLE 6

2,120 a	2,120 a
30 able	30 able
153 about	153 about
25 above	15 above
11 abroad	11 abroad
17 according	12 absolute /3
20 account	20 accept /6
14 across	11 accompany/4
15 act	14 accomplish/5
28 action	24 accord /4
11 acts	28 account /5
12 addition	13 achieve /4
15 address	14 across
24 administration	70 act /8
12 advance	20 active /3
14 advantage	16 actual /2
16 affairs	23 add /4
11 afraid	21 addition /3
107 after	24 address /4
31 afternoon	32 administer/6
62 again	13 admire /6
73 against	23 admit /5
19 age	21 advance /5
11 agents	16 advantage/3
36 ago	20 affair /2
13 aid	11 affect /5
23 air	11 afford /3
466 all	11 afraid
15 allies	117 after /3
37 almost	33 afternoon/3
21 alone	62 again
28 along	73 against
27 already	24 age /3
69 also	13 agent /2
18 although	36 ago
13 altogether	25 agree /7
62 always	18 aid /3
75 am	13 aim /3
46 among	25 air /3
35 amount	14 airplane /2
330 an	467 all /2
3,280 and	24 ally /3
17 announced	15 allow /5
15 announcement	37 almost
58 another	21 alone
18 answer	28 along
210 any	27 already
30 anything	69 also
12 apparently	18 although
11 appeared	13 altogether

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11 approximately	62 always
542 are	75 am
13 armies	12 amend /6
43 army	46 among
22 around	37 amount /3
13 arrived	330 an
14 art	3,280 and
18 artillery	38 announce/6
782 as	58 another
30 ask	28 answer /4
36 asked	210 any
585 at	30 anything
18 attack	13 apparent /2
12 attacks	32 appear /5
19 attention	25 apply /6
15 attitude	13 approximate/3
17 authority	549 are /2
15 available	20 arm /4
16 avenue	57 army /3
14 average	22 around
58 away	20 arrange /5
16 awfully	25 arrive /4
75 back	23 art /5
15 bad	13 article /2
14 basis	19 artillery
38 battle	782 as
846 be	75 ask /4
11 bear	13 assure /5
14 beautiful	585 at
11 became	38 attack /4
108 because	17 attempt /4
30 become	30 attend /6
③ 328 been	16 attitude /2
139 before	27 authority/2
23 began	17 avail /3
27 beginning	17 avenue /2
24 behind	14 average
108 being	58 away
40 believe	24 awful /2
52 best	15 baby /3
32 better	83 back /5
60 between	23 bad /2
19 beyond	22 bank /5
50 big	33 base /6
15 bill	43 battle /3
13 black	956 be /3
11 blue	27 bear /5
15 board	24 beauty /3
18 body	11 became
19 bombardment	108 because

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18 bonds
11 book
34 books
11 bore
45 both
11 bought
13 boy
28 boys
11 bread
13 break
19 bring
13 broken
33 brought
25 building
24 built
91 business
11 busy
504 but
27 buy
600 by
40 call
32 called
71 came
11 campaign
197 can
58 cannot
21 can't
33 capital
17 car
12 carbon
23 care
21 carried
23 carry
18 cars
52 case
19 cases
11 caught
32 cause
12 causes
39 cent
30 cents
34 certain
14 certainly
13 chair
21 change
12 changed
17 character
23 charge
19 check
14 chief

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39 become /3
15 bed /2
329 been
139 before
23 began
41 begin /4
24 behind
59 believe /5
15 belong /4
16 beside /2
52 best
32 better
60 between
19 beyond
54 big /3
21 bill /2
12 billion /2
14 black /2
12 blue /2
18 board /3
29 body /4
31 bombard /5
25 bond /3
45 book /2
17 bore /4
45 both
11 bought
43 boy /4
12 bread /2
18 break /2
31 bring /3
15 broke /2
13 brother /3
33 brought
46 build /7
24 built
14 burn /3
91 business
12 busy /2
504 but
36 buy /5
600 by
85 call /6
71 came
19 camp /3
13 campaign /2
277 can /4
41 capital /6
20 capture /3
35 car /2

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24 child
35 children
14 citizens
44 city
12 claim
14 class
23 clear
13 close <i>adj</i>
33 coal
17 cold
123 come
23 comes
23 coming
14 command
29 committee
29 common
17 community
23 company
28 complete
13 condition
38 conditions
12 confidence
15 consider
12 considerable
13 considered
11 construction
20 continue
16 contract
17 control
12 cooperation
11 corn
12 correspondent
21 cost
11 costs
133 could
14 couldn't
92 country
16 county
37 course
22 court
12 cream
11 credit
18 cut
11 daily
14 danger
14 date
101 day
70 days
48 dear
12 declared

TABLE 6

12 carbon
48 care /9
55 carry /4
71 case /2
11 caught
57 cause /4
11 cease /3
69 cent /2
50 certain /3
26 chair /5
39 change /4
11 chapter /2
20 character /3
42 charge /4
19 cheap /4
23 check /3
21 chief /3
39 child /4
38 children /2
11 choice /2
21 citizen /2
51 city /4
23 claim /3
19 class /3
16 clean /5
38 clear /7
12 close /4 <i>v</i>
19 close /3 <i>a</i>
33 coal
18 cold /2
24 collect /10
11 color /4
171 come /4
14 comfort /3
26 command /9
48 commit /6
31 common /3
18 community /2
30 company /3
13 complain /5
39 complete /5
25 concern /4
14 conclude /6
51 condition /2
17 conduct /5
17 confer /3
12 confidence
52 consider /8
11 consist /5
17 constitute /6

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11 deep	20 construct /4
14 defender	15 consume /4
14 defense	21 contain /4
16 delay	49 continue /11
11 delivered	24 contract /3
16 demand	11 contrast /2
12 demanded	14 contribute /5
22 department	32 control /5
13 desire	13 convince /3
11 developed	12 cooperation
100 did	13 copy /3
23 didn't	12 corn /2
12 difference	13 corporation /2
25 different	25 correspond /5
30 dinner	37 cost /4
12 direct	147 could /2
14 distance	11 council /2
203 do	18 count /5
53 does	111 country /5
36 doing	20 county /2
22 dollars	38 course /2
40 done	23 court /2
67 don't	16 cover /4
18 doubt	12 cream
95 down	11 credit
13 drawn	18 critic /7
24 drive	17 cross /4
12 driven	17 crowd /4
15 due	15 cry /4
41 during	16 custom /5
18 duty	29 cut /4
63 each	12 daily /2
34 early	21 danger /4
11 earth	17 date /2
14 easily	175 day /4
19 easy	29 deal /6
17 effect	59 dear /5
15 efficiency	11 death /2
21 effort	22 decide /4
23 eight	21 declare /4
36 either	19 deep /5
11 election	14 defeat /2
24 electric	27 defend /7
16 else	17 defense /3
11 enclosed	11 definite /2
33 end	13 degree /2
31 enemy	21 delay /3
17 enforced	26 deliver /5
11 engaged	38 demand /4
11 engine	15 democrat /3

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TABLE 6

44 enough	26 department /3
14 entire	16 depend /6
15 entirely	32 desire /6
14 equipment	34 destroy /7
14 established	17 detail /3
94 even	20 determine /4
21 evening	21 develop /4
51 ever	12 devote /3
124 every	123 did /2
17 everything	15 die /3
14 everywhere	46 differ /7
12 excellent	21 difficult /3
23 except	30 dinner
11 executive	42 direct /8
15 existence	26 discover /6
11 existing	12 disloyal /3
12 expect	11 dispatch /3
11 expected	14 distance
17 experience	12 distinct /4
12 experts	16 distribute /4
11 express	12 district /2
11 expressed	14 division /3
18 eye	239 do /2
33 eyes	63 does /2
30 face	30 dollar /3
58 fact	40 done
13 facts	67 don't
13 fail	14 door /2
15 failure	21 doubt /3
11 fair	98 down /3
11 fall	23 draw /5
22 family	14 dream /4
63 far	17 drink /4
13 farm	37 drive /4
11 fast	12 driven
17 father	11 drop /4
12 favor	15 due
13 fear	41 during
32 feel	24 duty /2
16 feeling	13 dwell /8
30 feet	63 each
14 fell	41 early /3
15 fellow	13 earth /2
15 felt	40 ease /5
54 few	12 east /3
20 field	26 eat /5
18 fifty	18 economy /7
21 fight	11 educate /4
40 fighting	31 effect /5
17 figures	15 efficiency

TABLE 5

11	filled
15	final
11	finally
49	find
17	fine
15	fire
131	first
12	fish
49	five
25	flour
12	follow
14	followed
21	following
11	follows
53	food
13	foot
1,035	for
23	force
13	forces
18	foreign
12	forget
18	form
11	forth
33	forty
17	forward
55	found
35	four
32	free
11	freedom
18	fresh
17	friend
17	friends
433	from
46	front
35	full
11	fund
29	further
29	future
11	gained
36	gave
37	general
16	generally
89	get
12	gets
16	getting
32	girl
18	girls
57	give
46	given
13	gives

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29	effort /2
23	eight
36	either
11	election
28	electric /2
25	else /3
30	employ /7
14	enclose /3
50	end /5
42	enemy /3
35	enforce /4
11	engaged
14	engine /2
13	engineer /3
44	enough
21	enter /4
29	entire /2
22	equal /3
21	equip /3
11	especial /2
26	establish /5
13	estimate /3
94	even
25	evening /3
13	event /3
51	ever
124	every
17	everything
14	everywhere
11	evidence /2
11	evident /2
11	exact /3
14	examine /4
13	exceed /4
14	excel /3
23	except
27	execute /8
12	exercise /3
38	exist /6
29	expect /6
17	expense /3
25	experience/3
17	expert /2
18	explain /4
36	express /6
11	extend /2
14	extreme /2
54	eye /3
41	face /3
85	fact /4

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11	giving
21	glad
73	go
11	goes
60	going
12	gold
20	gone
106	good
17	goods
50	got
57	government
134	great
16	greater
11	greatest
15	greatly
23	ground
12	grown
44	gun
23	guns
411	had
58	half
46	hand
32	hands
11	happen
19	happy
21	hard
390	has
617	have
31	having
680	he
27	head
25	hear
23	heard
18	heart
21	heavy
29	held
25	help
222	her
107	here
11	herself
46	high
17	higher
234	him
51	himself
517	his
18	history
22	hold
11	holding
63	home
16	honor

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17	factory /2
45	fail /6
18	fair /4
20	faith /4
24	fall /4
26	family /3
64	far /2
36	farm /6
14	fast /3
26	father /3
25	favor /6
23	fear /4
14	feature /3
51	feel /3
30	feet
14	fell
20	fellow /3
15	felt
56	few /2
30	field /2
18	fifty
62	fight /3
29	figure /3
20	fill /4
27	final /3
57	find /3
22	fine /4
13	finish /3
32	fire /4
15	firm /5
131	first
22	fish /7
14	fit /4
49	five
11	fix /4
13	flag /4
12	floor /3
26	flour /2
18	fly /4
58	follow /4
55	food /2
13	foot
1,035	for
49	force /6
19	foreign /2
14	forget /3
54	form /8
11	forth
37	forty /3
18	forward /2



# Words

## TABLE 5

30	hope
12	horse
17	horses
26	hour
26	hours
53	house
124	how
22	however
19	human
21	hundred
1,155	I
11	I'd
29	idea
13	ideas
263	if
20	I'll
30	I'm
14	immediate
12	immediately
11	immense
24	important
26	impossible
2,116	in
15	increased
24	indeed
15	industrial
15	industry
11	influence
24	information
11	instance
17	instead
48	interest
19	interesting
166	into
11	involved
1,213	is
11	isn't
16	issue
1,216	it
208	its
38	it's
26	itself
20	I've
13	job
11	judgment
86	just
20	justice
32	keep
22	kept
31	kind

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56	found /2
41	four /3
45	free /3
18	fresh
39	friend /4
12	fright /5
433	from
49	front /3
47	full /3
19	fund /3
12	furnish /3
29	further
29	future
21	gain /4
11	garden /3
15	gather /5
36	gave
55	general /4
11	generate /4
20	gentle /5
117	get /3
50	girl /2
127	give /4
21	glad
11	glory /4
144	go /3
15	gold /2
20	gone
125	good /3
50	got
78	govern /9
178	great /5
31	ground /2
29	grow /5
13	guest /2
72	gun /3
414	had /2
58	half
81	hand /4
19	handle /5
31	happen /5
29	happy /5
31	hard /7
390	has
11	hat /2
12	hate /3
658	have /3
687	he /3
38	head /7
11	health /3

## TABLE 5

13	kindly
30	knew
102	know
24	knowledge
33	known
30	knows
39	labor
11	lack
13	laid
25	land
39	large
12	largely
15	larger
18	largest
77	last
12	late
12	later
11	latter
34	law
16	laws
13	learn
15	learned
19	least
18	leave
48	left
53	less
51	let
36	letter
20	letters
12	liberty
89	life
18	light
113	like
52	line
27	lines
21	list
111	little
20	live v
22	living
25	loan
94	long
11	longer
30	look
13	looked
23	looking
20	loss
15	losses
28	lost
32	love
16	low

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31	hear /3
23	heard
26	heart /7
12	heaven /2
33	heavy /5
29	held
36	help /5
12	hence /2
234	her /3
110	here /2
22	hero /4
81	high /4
12	highway /3
15	hill /4
285	him /2
517	his
24	history /5
39	hold /5
71	home /3
12	honest /3
22	honor /3
50	hope /8
29	horse /2
55	hour /4
66	house /3
146	how /2
26	human /4
24	hundred /2
11	hurry /3
1,236	I /5
42	idea /2
11	ideal /3
263	if
12	ill /3
22	imagine /5
26	immediate /2
11	immense
33	import /3
26	impossible
14	improve /5
2,116	in
12	incident /3
11	incline /3
21	include /4
13	income /3
40	increase /4
24	indeed
13	indicate /7
15	individual /3
39	industry /4

TABLE 5	TABLE 6
18 machine	15 influence /4
170 made	36 inform /4
16 main	15 inquire /4
12 majority	15 insist /5
105 make	16 inspire /6
26 makes	17 instance /2
32 making	17 instead
156 man	11 institute /4
104 many	18 instruct /5
13 market	11 instrument /3
12 married	12 insure /4
19 material	82 interest /4
71 matter	166 into
160 may	14 introduce /3
257 me	17 invest /4
23 mean	15 involve /3
46 means	1,224 is /2
12 measure	34 issue /4
17 meat	1,488 it /4
19 meet	15 job /2
20 meeting	25 judge /5
16 members	110 just /4
19 memory	45 keep /5
164 men	22 kept
11 mental	15 kill /4
12 mere	57 kind /4
18 merely	13 king /2
20 met	30 knew
20 method	171 know /4
12 middle	25 knowledge /2
77 might	52 labor /6
12 mile	21 lack /4
29 miles	12 laid
51 military	36 land /4
19 milk	84 large /4
11 mill	85 last /4
22 million	34 late /4
16 millions	11 latter
39 mind	11 launch /3
13 minute	57 law /6
16 minutes	15 lay /4
15 miss	28 lead /5
23 modern	30 learn /3
27 moment	19 least
60 money	27 leave /4
24 month	48 left
32 months	56 less /4
210 more	11 lesson /2
45 morning	51 let
105 most	56 letter /2

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20 mother	19 liberty /2
13 motor	90 life /2
11 move	⑤ 18 light
14 moved	129 like /7
104 much	23 limit /4
163 must	79 line /2
296 my	22 list /2
33 myself	16 listen /4
40 name	112 little /2
14 names	58 live /4
37 nation	34 loan /2
21 national	110 long /7
16 nations	69 look /4
12 native	63 loss /3
12 natural	52 love /7
20 nature	25 low /5
23 near	13 loyal /3
15 nearly	30 machine /3
35 necessary	170 made
15 necessity	23 main /2
32 need	20 maintain /4
12 needed	13 majority /2
21 needs	165 make /6
13 neither	167 man /5
13 neutral	11 manage /5
101 never	12 manner /2
99 new	24 manufacture /6
18 news	104 many
44 next	12 march /3
46 night	20 mark /4
321 no	17 market /4
12 nobody	23 marry /4
13 non	13 mass /3
17 none	13 master /2
28 nor	19 material
12 normal	76 matter /2
11 north	162 may
589 not	257 me
24 note	72 mean /4
61 nothing	17 measure /4
210 now	24 meat /3
32 number	44 meet /4
18 numbers	24 member /2
17 object	20 memory /2
21 o'clock	168 men /2
3,998 of	13 mental /2
43 off	13 mention /2
22 offensive	30 mere /2
27 office	20 met
23 officers	26 method /2

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11 offices	12 middle
22 official	84 might /5
12 officials	42 mile /3
27 often	51 military
53 oh	20 milk /2
19 oil	19 mill /2
75 old	42 million /4
643 on	44 mind /3
59 once	25 mine /5
368 one	11 minor /3
14 ones	39 minute /3
189 only	19 miss /4
31 open	14 mistake /2
14 operation	23 modern
24 opinion	33 moment /4
16 opportunity	60 money
458 or	62 month /4
48 order	14 moral /5
13 orders	210 more
12 ordinary	46 morning /2
12 organization	107 most /2
169 other	28 mother /3
25 others	23 motor /6
16 ought	11 mount /4
331 our	44 move /6
20 ourselves	104 much
203 out	168 must /2
153 over	329 my /2
75 own	14 mystery /4
16 paid	68 name /5
13 paper	59 nation /3
79 part	22 national /2
19 particular	15 native /2
17 parts	21 natural /4
27 party	21 nature /2
20 pass	52 near /4
17 passed	38 necessary /3
29 past	16 necessity /2
14 patriotism	69 need /6
43 pay	19 neighbor /4
59 peace	13 neither
163 people	15 neutral /2
12 peoples	101 never
60 per	104 new /4
21 perfect	18 news
26 perhaps	44 next
14 period	11 nice /3
17 permit	49 night /2
19 permitted	18 nine /5
14 person	321 no

15 personal	12 nobody
13 persons	13 non
16 picture	17 none
11 pictures	28 nor
52 place	12 normal
12 placed	16 north /3
18 places	589 not
16 plain	34 note /5
22 plan	61 nothing
19 plans	11 notice /4
18 play	210 now
15 please	53 number /4
16 pleased	39 object /10
16 pleasure	11 oblige /2
32 point	17 observe /7
11 police	16 obtain /3
23 political	13 occasion /4
23 poor	13 occur /5
23 position	21 o'clock
12 possibility	3,998 of
54 possible	43 off
22 pound	30 offense /3
26 pounds	18 offer /5
57 power	38 office /2
15 practical	34 officer /3
61 present <i>a &amp; n</i>	37 official /3
17 president	27 often
13 press	53 oh
13 pressure	20 oil /2
23 pretty	84 old /4
12 prevent	643 on
30 price	59 once
11 prices	389 one /3
12 principle	189 only
11 private	49 open /6
18 probably	43 operate /9
18 problem	28 opinion /2
21 products	18 opportunity /2
15 progress	458 or
21 proper	71 order /4
16 property	13 ordinary /2
16 proposed	36 organize /4
13 provide	194 other /2
13 provided	16 ought
68 public	357 our /3
11 pure	206 out /3
42 purpose	153 over
16 purposes	90 own /6
63 put	26 pack /7
11 quality	13 page /2

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23	question
16	questions
12	quickly
27	quite
11	railroads
20	range
18	rate
32	rather
17	reach
13	reached
24	read <i>present</i>
14	read <i>past</i>
19	ready
31	real
33	really
23	reason
16	reasons
23	received
18	recent
16	recently
13	red
20	regard
14	region
22	remember
19	report
12	reported
22	reports
18	required
15	respectfully
11	responsible
18	rest
28	result
17	return
91	right
12	ring
21	road
21	room
14	round
18	run
11	running
13	sacrifice
15	safe
161	said
67	same
14	sat
13	satisfactory
33	save
17	saved
14	saving
41	saw

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16	paid
19	paint /6
23	paper /2
97	part /3
29	particular/3
36	party /3
50	pass /4
29	past
27	patriot /6
67	pay /6
62	peace /3
180	people /3
60	per
35	perfect /4
26	perhaps
14	period
48	permit /5
48	person /6
12	physical /2
30	picture /3
85	place /4
27	plain /3
48	plan /4
16	plant /4
32	play /5
33	please /3
17	pleasure /2
48	point /3
11	police
38	politic /6
24	poor /2
23	position
22	possess /8
72	possible /4
11	potato /2
49	pound /3
68	power /3
25	practical /2
15	practice /3
25	prepare /4
68	present /3a & n
13	present /3 v
19	president /2
24	press /4
13	pressure
27	pretty /4
21	prevent /5
13	previous /2
45	price /4
20	principle /2

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111	say
27	saying
52	says
23	school
25	sea
24	second
12	section
13	secure
103	see
11	seeing
19	seem
26	seemed
30	seems
36	seen
17	self
28	send
19	sense
28	sent
13	serious
11	serve
48	service
48	set
13	seven
37	several
120	shall
11	shape
188	she
15	shells
18	ship
12	shipment
11	shipping
20	ships
118	should
31	show
13	showing
12	shown
43	side
16	sight
19	similar
18	simple-
13	simply
52	since
13	single
14	sit
12	sitting
40	situation
37	six
13	size
46	small
300	so

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13	prison /3
11	private
21	probab'e /3
23	problem /2
15	proceed /6
23	produce /6
29	product /4
23	profit /5
12	program /2
21	progress /3
15	promise /4
21	proper
16	property
32	propose /5
12	protect /3
30	provide /4
19	provision /2
69	public /2
13	pull /5
23	purchase /6
18	pure /4
58	purpose /2
11	pursue /5
67	put /3
11	quality
13	quantity /2
14	quarter /2
44	question /4
18	quick /5
27	quite
11	race /3
11	raid /4
21	railroad /3
13	railway /2
17	raise /5
11	rank /2
15	rapid /4
20	range
27	rate /3
32	rather
37	reach /4
46	read /5 v
14	read <i>past</i>
19	ready
72	real /4
25	realize /4
48	reason /6
36	receive /4
34	recent /2
13	recognize /3

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16 social	12 record /5
15 sold	13 red
27 soldiers	22 reduce /3
152 some	19 refer /6
40 something	16 refuse /4
14 sometimes	35 regard /5
42 soon	16 region /2
20 sort	17 relate /7
16 south	25 remain /5
17 speak	18 remark /5
12 speaking	37 remember /4
26 special	11 remove /3
12 spent	59 report /6
14 spirit	28 represent /7
11 spring	46 require /5
11 staff	11 reserve /5
12 stage	15 resource /2
43 stand	40 respect /8
14 standard	22 responsible /3
11 started	18 rest
36 state	44 result /4
38 statement	11 retailer /2
12 station	33 return /4
11 stay	14 ride /4
48 steel	110 right /6
14 step	17 ring /3
58 still	12 river /2
11 stone	31 road /2
16 stood	12 roll /5
19 stooped	24 room /3
12 stop	16 round /3
20 story	12 rub /3
11 straight	21 rule /5
17 strange	31 run /4
21 street	14 rush /3
19 strength	18 sacrifice /3
14 strike	28 safe /4
11 striking	161 said
14 strong	11 sail /5
14 study	67 same
32 subject	14 sat
19 success	14 satisfactory /2
11 successful	64 save /3
132 such	41 saw
12 suit	191 say /4
11 sum	33 school /4
16 summer	31 sea /2
14 supplies	12 seat /3
19 supply	24 second
18 support	17 section /3

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17 suppose	31 secure /6
21 sure	153 see /4
11 surely	20 seek /3
11 sweet	75 seem /3
19 system	22 seize /5
13 table	29 self /4
86 take	22 sell /4
46 taken	19 senate /4
22 taking	33 send /2
20 talk	25 sense /5
16 task	28 sent
12 taught	12 sentiment /3
22 tea	20 serious /3
51 tell	33 serve /6
12 telling	54 service /3
24 ten	54 set /3
17 terms	18 settle /5
194 than	26 seven /5
21 thank	37 several
1,345 that	120 shall
21 that's	18 shape /4
7,310 the	13 share /3
315 their	194 she /3
228 them	23 shell /3
34 themselves	67 ship /7
115 then	19 short /4
306 there	119 should /2
16 therefore	12 shoulder /2
152 these	72 show /5
478 they	50 side /2
44 thing	19 sight /3
82 things	15 sign /3
73 think	19 similar
19 thinking	33 simple /4
22 third	52 since
24 thirty	14 single /2
572 this	29 sit /4
104 those	41 situation /2
38 though	53 six /5
67 thought	16 size /3
27 thousand	11 skill /2
13 thousands	21 slave /3
75 three	54 small /3
78 through	12 smile /4
14 throughout	300 so
17 thus	18 social /3
19 till	15 sold
205 time	41 soldier /5
27 times	152 some
2,924 to	40 something



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④ 68 today
17 to-day
25 together
33 told
11 tomorrow
12 tonight
16 tons
57 too
40 took
17 total
13 touch
19 toward
18 town
11 trade
19 train
17 training
13 trains
15 transportation
26 troops
21 trouble
30 true
30 truly
17 trust
21 truth
14 try
11 trying
17 turn
30 turned
13 twelve
30 twenty
146 two
12 type
108 under
19 understand
12 unknown
21 unless
50 until
16 unto
204 up
129 upon
123 us
28 use <i>n</i>
36 use <i>v</i>
45 used
12 using
12 usual
26 value
14 various
145 very
15 vessels

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14 sometimes
48 soon /2
25 sort /3
13 sound /5
17 south /2
34 speak /5
35 special /5
13 speech /2
12 speed /5
12 spent
21 spirit /3
12 spoke /2
11 spring
12 square /3
11 staff
12 stage
61 stand /3
18 standard /3
22 start /3
92 state /6
18 station /3
15 stay /3
48 steel
22 step /3
58 still
11 stock /2
15 stone /2
16 stood
20 stoop /2
15 stop /3
24 store /4
22 story /2
22 straight /5
28 strange /5
31 street /2
20 strength /2
26 strike /3
22 strong /4
11 struggle /3
19 study /4
40 subject /4
12 submarine /2
14 substitute /3
11 succeed /4
34 success /5
16 suffer /3
132 such
23 suggest /6
20 suit /4
11 sum

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20 victory
29 view
13 village
12 voice
14 wait
44 want
24 wanted
12 wants
214 war
839 was
11 wasn't
39 water
104 way
15 ways
529 we
13 weather
25 week
15 weeks
113 well
50 went
305 were
15 west
253 what
16 whatever
32 wheat
237 when
83 where
31 whether
454 which
78 while
16 white
248 who
45 whole
28 whom
42 whose
51 why
11 wide
11 wife
11 wild
445 will
13 willing
17 win
11 winter
13 wise
28 wish
727 with
20 within
70 without
59 woman
47 women

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16 summer
11 summon /4
45 supply /4
24 support /5
22 suppose /2
33 sure /3
11 surprise /3
15 sweet /3
25 system /7
17 table /3
164 take /4
33 talk /4
21 task /2
20 tax /4
19 teach /5
12 taught
22 tea
71 tell /3
12 tend /8
24 ten
22 term /2
13 terrible /2
11 territory /3
17 test /4
194 than
31 thank /4
1,367 that /3
7,310 the
319 their /2
262 them /2
115 then
329 there /3
152 these
495 they /4
126 thing /2
99 think /3
22 third
25 thirty /2
572 this
194 those
38 though
75 thought /3
40 thousand /2
75 three
94 through /2
20 throw /4
17 thus
19 till
232 time /2
12 tire /3



TABLE 5

15 won	2,924 to
14 wonder	88 today /2
17 won't	25 together
19 word	33 told
18 words	14 tomorrow /2
83 work	22 ton /3
13 working	12 tonight
12 works	57 too
103 world	40 took
11 worse	19 total /2
22 worth	24 touch /5
252 would	24 toward /2
15 wouldn't	20 town /2
21 write	19 trade /5
14 written	56 train /5
32 wrong	26 transport /3
59 year	14 travel /6
93 years	15 treat /6
23 yes	12 tree /2
33 yesterday	12 trench /2
68 yet	26 troops
775 you	36 trouble /5
41 young	60 true /2
214 your	29 trust /5
16 you're	22 truth /2
56 yours	25 try /2
12 yourself	54 turn /4
	13 twelve
	31 twenty /2
	146 two
	18 type /2
	109 under /2
	30 understand /3
	12 union /2
	13 universe /5
	12 unknown
	21 unless
	50 until
	16 unto
	207 up /3
	129 upon
	123 us
	28 use <i>n</i>
	100 use <i>v</i> /6
	19 usual /2
	13 utter /4
	38 value /5
	17 vary /3
	13 vast /3
	145 very

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18 vessel /2
22 victor /3
37 view /4
13 village
12 visit /4
18 voice /3
16 vote /4
12 wage /4
11 wagon /2
24 wait /3
12 walk /4
83 want /4
217 war /2
12 warm /5
850 was /2
16 waste /5
25 watch /3
49 water /3
119 way /2
537 we /3
12 weak /6
14 weather /2
40 week /2
17 weight /5
113 well
50 went
307 were /2
21 west /3
260 what /2
16 whatever
36 wheat /2
237 when
83 where
31 whether
454 which
79 while /2
16 white
248 who
52 whole /2
28 whom
42 whose
51 why
13 wide /2
15 wife /2
11 wild
464 will /6
20 win /3
17 window /2
14 winter /3
16 wire /5

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13	wise
38	wish /4
727	with
20	within
70	without
16	witness /5
59	woman
48	women /2
15	won
27	wonder /5
17	won't
12	wood /4
38	word /3
127	work /7
117	world /4
11	worry /3
15	worse /2
27	worth /3
267	would /2
17	wound /4
40	write /5
14	written
39	wrong /2
14	yard /2
152	year /2
23	yes
33	yesterday
68	yet
808	you /5
41	young
283	your /4

Note in Table 3 that almost exactly 500 words occur over 20 times. By ignoring words of frequency 20 or under Table 5 may thus be read as an alphabetic list of the 500 commonest words which make up about 2/3 of all ordinary speech.

See also note on "war words" at end of Table 3 (page 30).

## Part 3—Syllables



### Part 3 — Syllables

#### *Relative frequency of the commoner syllables of English*

As with the commoner words, the commoner syllables of English make up a strikingly large proportion of all ordinary discourse. To parallel the facts observed:

10,119 different particular words make up 100,000 total.

About 4,400 different syllables, on a 41 sound basis, make up 143,000 total.

117 words occur over 100 times, and make up 56.0 % of the total.

220 syllables occur over 100 times, and make up 68.7 % of the total.

1,027 words occur over 10 times, and make up 78.6 % of the total.

1,370 syllables occur over 10 times, and make up 93.3 % of the total.

The syllable is investigated in as much detail as hereafter reported because it affords the only constant, readily distinguishable, and easily manipulated unit between simple sounds on the one hand and complete words on the other; and also because separate study of those consonant combinations occurring before and after the vowel of the syllable suffices to investigate practically all the characteristic sound combinations of English; leaving explicitly unstudied only those combinations occurring at the junction of syllables, much less uniform and characteristic, and sufficiently exhibited by the commoner words investigated.

Tables 7 and 8 following show the 220 commonest syllables which occur oftener than 100 times each in 100,000 words; first, arranged in order of frequency; second, classed by vowels and arranged in order of frequency under each vowel.

The phonetic notation adopted is the S S B key alphabet, strictly in harmony with the Revised Scientific Alphabet, shown in detail in Appendix A. Readers not familiar with the Revised Scientific Alphabet, Key 1 of the Standard Dictionary, should study this notation before examining the results hereafter reported.

The distinctiv treatment accorded the commonest word or syllable of English, *the*, is discust at length under sounds (pages 123 and 126).

Thruout the syllable data occasional syllables containing a or u ar markt with a \*, to call attention to the slightly variant sound of a or u which usually occurs before r. The precise nature of these variant sounds wil be discust in connection with the sound data (page 126).

Note that in such syllables as *bl n l pl nt* the syllabic *n* or *l* has vowel value, and is accordingly treated as the "vowel" of the syllable.

The 6 syllable tables which follow ar each based on the 1,370 commonest syllables occurring oftener than 10 times in 100,000 words, which make up 93.3 % of the total number of syllable occurrences. In view of the diversity of the material analized, and the more general caracter of syllables as compared with words, the conclusion seems warranted that these tables include most or all of those syllables likely to occur more than sporadically in any selection of 10,000 or even 100,000 words.

Study of the syllable, whether as a complete speech-unit or as a combining form, may focus on the vowel of the syllable, the initial sounds, or the final sounds. These tables exhibit the 1,370 commonest syllables under each of these 3 aspects.

Table 9, which presents the 1,370 commonest syllables clast by vowels, in order of frequency under each vowel, calls for no special comment. Table 10 is merely a conspectus of Table 9. In connection with the tables arranged according to initial or final sounds, however, certain structural characteristics of the English language should be observd.

One of the markt characteristics of English, of superlativ importance in constructing a sistem of shorthand, is the tendency of certain consonant sounds to occur in combinations of 2, 3, and even 4, both before and after the vowel of the syllable in which they occur, spoken in a single voice impulse with the vowel. The double combinations ar commonly known as consonant difthongs.\*

\* Distinguish clearly between a digraf, two letters for one sound, and a difthong, two vowel sounds (in the case of a consonant difthong, two adjoining consonant sounds) pronounced in one syllable.



**TABLE 7** 220 COMMONEST SYLLABLES, OCCURRING OFTEN OR MORE THAN 100 TIMES IN 100,000 WORDS, IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY

7,310	fi	464	ē	235	pər	153	bart	114	biz
4,001	ev	462	an	233	hur	152	fiʒ	113	kun
3,284	in	454	hwiç	230	yūr	152	lit	111	jen
3,280	and	446	so	228	for	152	ha	110	nev
3,217	i	433	frem	226	pro	147	kud	110	e
3,167	ə	414	had	225	kəm	147	lən	108	til
3,152	tū	412	wun	224	ful	147	htr	108	gud
2,353	in	402	ment	222	tām	146	ver	107	par
2,084	ər	394	haz	221	mor	145	kəz	107	muç
1,625	ri	386	bl	221	wər	143	rāt	106	stand
1,416	it	386	ən	218	pl	142	bər	106	wurld
1,346	fat	382	men	218	man	141	mək	106	ens
1,286	iz	379	ərz	212	lənz	141	ij	105	tərz
1,259	i	378	ar	211	wē	141	im	105	sād
1,201	li	343	n	210	na	140	pē	104	fəz
1,136	fər	341	mā	210	mē	136	tiv	104	sit
967	bt	335	dar	207	sē	134	did	104	ak
923	lən	333	up	206	tri	133	lāk	104	egz
907	ed	332	at	200	sɪ	132	suç	104	ənz
862	yū	329	bin	200	nē	132	ərn	101	ik
850	wəz	328	wur	194	pəs	131	furst	98,149	[220]
841	wɪf	323	fēr	194	pur	130	pri		
835	di	308	ev	193	rɪ	130	mi		
830	ti	306	mɪ	188	ʃɪ	129	hiŋ		
816	ən	305	tu	187	ni	129	mə		
783	az	295	eks	186	est	127	kəl		
707	o	293	its	186	ɪ	127	get		
696	ht	291	kan	184	fan	127	u		
686	a	290	dər	182	nū	126	mən		
679	əl	285	him	181	grēt	126	am		
675	en	282	us	181	is	125	hwar		
658	hav	281	wud	179	to	124	mit		
644	bā	277	sum	179	go	124	wurk		
642	ar	277	hwet	179	mēd	124	ərd		
621	bi	276	if	178	sur	123	part		
612	at	276	on	177	ad	122	tin		
602	ər	270	kum	171	tək	122	wel		
596	nət	268	yu	166	kə	121	giv		
575	tər	266	dē	166	self	121	let		
572	fɪs	264	nes	166	les	120	sent		
570	əl	264	l	165	must	120	su		
556	kən	263	si	162	ent	120	sub		
537	wɪ	262	fem	161	sed	120	ʃal		
529	ez	261	dis	161	çur	119	təl		
517	but	258	uʃ	160	tē	119	ʃud		
517	hiʒ	252	hū	155	most	119	nt		
478	fē	251	vər	155	ə	117	mil		
478	no	246	hwen	154	lē	116	mo		
470	wɪl	239	dū	154	af	115	tiz		
466	un	238	pt	153	po	115	fɛn		
63,814		79,914		89,468		96,012			

IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY UNDER EACH VOWEL.

u	ø	o	u	ū	í	é	ai	ü
but 517	æ 3167	o 707	tu 305	tū 3152	í 1259		air 378	nü 1
un 466	ær 2084	no 478	wud 281	yū 862	bá 644		ait 332	
wun 412	æn 923	so 446	yu 268	hū 252	má 341		nai 210	
up 333	tær 575	on 276	ful 224	dū 239	tám 222		bait 153	
wur* 328	æl 570	íor 228	çur 161	yūr 230	rát 143		hai 152	
us 282	æn 386	pro 226	kud 147		lák 133			
sum 277	ærz 379	mor 221	u 127		sád 105			
kum 270	dær 290	to 179	šud 119					
uf 258	vær 251	go 179	gud 108					
hur* 233	pær 235	most 155						
pur* 194	šenz 212	po 153						
sur 178	bær 142	mo 116						
must 165	ærn 132	foz 104						
suç 132	mæ 129							
furst* 131	kæl 127							
wurk* 124	mæn 126							
su 120	ærd 124							
sub 120	tæl 119							
kun 113	tærz 105							
mug 107	ænz 104							
world* 106								
<u>4,866</u>	<u>10,180</u>	<u>3,468</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>4,735</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,225</u>	<u>182</u>
21	20	13	9	5	7	0	5	1

TABLE 8. 220 COMMONEST SYLLABLES CLAST BY VOWELS,

fi	n,l	a	a	e	ē	i	ī	o	ō
7,310	bl 386 n 346 l 264 pl 218 nt 119	and 3280 flat 1346 az 783 a 686 hav 658 at 612 an 462 had 414 haz 394 far* 335 kan 291 man 218 fan 184 ad 177 af 154 am 126 hwar* 125 fal 120 stand 106 ak 104	ar 642 part 123 par 107	ed 907 en 675 ez 529 ment 402 men 382 ev 308 eks 295 nes 264 dem 262 hwen 246 est 186 self 166 les 166 ent 162 sed 161 ver 146 get 127 wel 122 let 121 sent 120 den 115 jen 111 nev 110 e 110 ens 106 egz 104	de 478 ē 464 der 323 de 266 we 211 mē 210 sē 207 nē 200 grēt 181 mēd 179 tēk 171 tē 160 lē 154 mēk 141 pē 140	in 3284 i 3217 in 2353 ri 1625 it 1416 iz 1286 li 1201 wi 841 di 835 ti 830 bi 621 dis 572 hiz 517 wil 470 hwi 454 bin 329 its 293 him 285 if 276 si 263 dis 261 tri 206 ni 187 is 181 lit 152 ij 141 im 141 tiv 136 did 134 pri 130 mi 130 hi 129 mit 124 tin 122 giv 121 mil 117 tiz 115 biz 114 til 108 sit 104 ik 101	bi 967 hi 696 wi 537 mi 306 pi 238 si 200 ri 193 si 188 i 186 tiz 152 hr 147 e 155	ov 4001 wōz 850 en 816 net 596 ken 556 frem 433 hwōt 277 kōm 225 pēs 194 kē 166 e 155	fār 1136 ōl 679 ēr 602 wēr 221 lē 147 kōz 145
7,310	I								
8,149	I,330	10,575	872	6,403	3,485	23,922	3,810	8,260	2,930
220	5	20	3	26	15	41	11	11	6

By analogy the triple combinations may be called consonant trifthongs, and the exceptional quadruple combinations (as in *tempts*, *sixths*, *worlds*, etc) quadrifthongs. The combinations occurring before the vowel of their syllable may well be named preceding consonant difthongs and trifthongs, and the combinations occurring after the vowel of their syllable following consonant difthongs, trifthongs, or quadrifthongs.

Preceding consonant compounds are formed chiefly by *l* *r* and *w* after other consonants, and by *s* before; the trifthongs having always the form of *s* preceding a difthong -- that is *s'l-* (*s*-consonant-*l*-vowel), *s'r-*, or *s'w-*. Following consonant compounds are more varied and numerous. The more important of these are formed by *s* and *z*, *t* and *d*, and with *l* and *r*; less often by *h*, *m*, *n*, *ŋ*.

Appendix B tabulates 57 consonants or consonant compounds which occur in English preceding the vowel of their syllable, of which 51 occur among the commonest syllables here reported; 181 consonants or consonant compounds which occur following the vowel of their syllable, of which 96 occur among the commonest syllables; also 51 syllabic consonant combinations, of which 22 occur among the commonest syllables. These appended tables will repay careful study in this connection altho their data are not directly quantitative.

Table 11 presents the 1,370 commonest syllables in fonetic order, thus bringing together those syllables which begin with the same sound or sound combination. Table 12, which summarizes Table 11, shows at a glance the comparative frequency of the various preceding consonant compounds.

Table 13 presents the 1,370 commonest syllables in reverse fonetic order (riming dictionary order), thus bringing together those syllables which end with the same sound or sound combination. Table 14 summarizes Table 13, showing similarly the comparative frequency of the various following consonant compounds.

So far as I can determine the results here reported constitute the first and only reliable quantitative data with respect to the characteristic sound combinations, other than words, of English. The tables follow.

TABLE 9 1,370 COMMONEST SYLLABLES OCCURRING OFTEN OR MORE THAN  
10 TIMES IN 100,000 WORDS, CLAST BY VOWELS, IN ORDER  
OF FREQUENCY UNDER EACH VOWEL

n		l		a					
n	343	bl	386	and	3280	land	36	par*	19
nt	119	l	264	fat	1346	akt	36	banĳ	19
vn	98	pl	218	az	783	askt	36	kam	19
zn	59	plz	34	a	686	ab	34	pak	18
nd	44	lz	30	hav	658	av	34	blak	18
pn	41	tl	28	at	612	tab	33	bar	18
znz	32	ld	28	an	462	tak	32	gram	18
nz	20	dl	20	had	414	taks	32	farz*	18
dn	16	gl	20	haz	394	raĳ	32	skwar*	18
kn	15	kl	17	fat*	335	handz	32	vans	17
		klz	15	kan	291	par	30	aĳ	17
		blz	13	man	218	mas	30	task	16
				fan	184	naĳ	29	fast	16
				ad	177	aj	29	lak	16
				af	154	trakt	28	dam	15
				am	126	fam	28	gaĳ	15
				hwar*	125	van	27	gal	15
				sal	120	haps	26	rap	15
				stand	106	plan	25	trak	14
				ak	104	pard*	25	kat	14
				mat	90	mar	25	ĳap	14
				kar	88	bad	24	fat	13
				bak	87	hanĳ	24	fakts	13
				last	86	ap	24	vast	13
				fak	80	kant	23	sam	13
				hap	69	ar*	23	hab	13
				kap	66	al	23	paĳ	12
				pas	65	klas	22	pan	12
				haf	63	war*	22	ban	12
				bat	58	glad	21	klard*	12
				fakt	58	fan	21	staf	12
				hand	57	naĳ	21	standz	12
				val	53	fat	21	ag	12
				mand	53	sak	21	trast	11
				trans	51	han	21	graf	11
				sat	50	as	21	7 farz*	11
				past	47	pat	20	lat	11
				prak	44	trav	20	wag	11
				gan	42	nan	20	akts	11
				ask	37	mag	20		
						planz	19		
<u>787</u>		<u>1,073</u>						<u>13,453</u>	
10		12						120	

a	e	jekt	sep	test
ar 642	ed 907	sev 64	et 32	spek 20
part 123	en 675	el 63	twen 31	strengh 20
par 107	ez 529	gen 62	ven 31	nent 20
larj 69	ment 402	yes 57	hwetf 31	mes 20
far 65	men 382	sek 56	prej 30	rev 20
gard 47	ev 308	hed 56	8 ter 30	reg 19
kar 43	eks 295	pen 55	sents 30	tempt 18
garj 39	nes 264	selvz 55	ef 30	mend 18
farm 35	fem 262	pres 53	lekt 29	er 18
bard 31	hwen 246	best 52	lent 29	plez 17
mar 31	est 186	tem 52	help 29	dek 17
hard 31	self 166	sez 52	dres 28	kwest 17
fa 26	les 166	went 50	vest 28	frendz 17
hart 25	ent 162	left 48	vent 28	mez 17
bar 23	sed 161	tend 46	zent 28	eh 17
start 22	ver 146	ker 46	ger 28	te 16
arm 22	get 127	kwes 45	prest 27	def 16
gar 19	wel 122	hev 45	fen 27	gres 16
art 19	let 121	nekst 44	vel 27	felt 16
karz 18	sent 120	ej 44	sted 27	net 16
mark 18	fem 115	sel 43	res 27	med 16
lar 18	jen 111	end 43	elz 27	ents 16
parts 17	nev 110	dens 42	fens 26	ded 15
marks 17	e 110	sept 41	meñ 26	se 15
yardz 16	ens 106	rekt 41	west 26	fel 15
har 15	egz 104	send 40	met 25	felz 15
garjd 11	tel 100	bet 38	her 25	jes 15
a 11	prez 99	tent 38	els 25	nek 15
	sen 99	genf 38	fend 24	ren 15
	ek 99	rep 38	per 23	wetf 15
	ments 97	ber 36	tens 23	bred 14
	es 94	dren 36	kept 23	kwent 14
	ten 87	pekt 35	frend 23	fed 14
	set 86	spekt 35	kred 22	step 14
	em 86	fel 35	ref 22	sef 14
	dent 82	spej 35	des 21	jekts 14
	mem 80	sens 35	den 21	twelv 13
	red 79	dem 34	ket 21	tes 13
	genst 73	fer 34	frej 21	dev 13
	lek 73	rest 34	fek 21	dents 13
	fekt 70	jest 33	gek 21	gets 13
	ses 69	held 33	jek 21	spes 13
	rek 69	dred 32	lem 21	jent 13
	yet 68	ves 32	pend 20	jents 13



lej	13	e		sēf	33	stēj	12	i	
pel	12		dē 478	fēl	32	šep	12		in 3284
trenç	12	e	464	rēt	32	bēs	11	i	3217
dwel	12	dēr	323	tēnd	31	gēj	11	in	2353
spent	12	dē	266	gē	31	gēnd	11	ri	1625
zen	12	wē	211	wēz	30	frēd	11	it	1416
šens	12	mē	210	çenj	29	hēt	11	iz	1286
mens	12	sē	207	strēt	28	rēs	11	li	1201
rez	12	nē	200	strēnj	28	rēz	11	wif	841
rej	12	grēt	181	mēks	26	wēj	11	di	835
hens	12	mēd	179	dēn	24			ti	830
helh	12	tēk	171	dēt	23			bi	621
ets	12	tē	160	brēk	22			dīs	572
peš	11	lē	154	tēl	21			hiz	517
bed	11	mēk	141	fēh	21			wil	470
beg	11	pē	140	vēl	21			hwic	454
tekt	11	rē	99	sēl	21			bin	329
del	11	ēt	97	nēt	21			its	293
gest	11	kē	89	ēj	21			him	285
splen	11	stēt	89	tēt	20			if	276
zes	11	kēm	82	ēr	20			si	263
šer	11	plēs	81	plēnz	19			dis	261
nest	11	dēz	78	pēn	19			tri	206
welh	11	kēs	71	pēnt	19			ni	187
ests	11	lēt	70	ēd	19			is	181
		sēm	67	pēd	18			lit	152
		mēn	59	sēvd	17			im	141
		bē	54	mēt	16			ij	141
		trē	54	rēd	16			tiv	136
		vē	49	lēd	16			did	134
		sēv	49	trēd	15			pri	130
		nēm	48	çenj	15			mi	130
		plēn	45	wēst	15			hiç	129
		tēn	43	plēst	14			mit	124
		fēs	42	tēks	14			tin	122
		zē	40	klēm	14			giv	121
		rēl	39	nēmz	14			mil	117
		plē	38	pēj	13			tiz	115
		stē	38	trēnz	13			biz	114
		trēn	37	grē	13			til	108
		gēv	36	gēt	13			sit	104
		fē	35	slēv	13			ik	101
		rēnj	35	mēl	13			fis	98
		wēt	35	trēt	12			hiçk	93
		kēt	33	vēd	12			id	86
<u>12,076</u>						<u>6,126</u>			
204						99			



ist	13	ø		pøp	18	ø		tøt	12
bit	12	øv	4001	bøndz	18	før	1136	wønts	12
trī	12	wøz	850	læt	18	øl	679	bøt	11
krīm	12	øn	816	wæç	18	ør	602	børn	11
spīd	12	nøt	596	kwøl	17	wør	221	køt	11
krī	11	køn	556	høs	16	løn	147	mør	11
grīz	11	frøm	433	øg	16	køz	145	wørn	11
fīldz	11	hwøt	277	prøg	15	øf	72		
sīs-	11	køm	225	tør	15	wønt	71		
līf	11	pøs	194	vøl	15	høt	68		
līvz	11	kø	166	vølyd	15	ø	61		
īrz	11	ø	155	prøks	14	wø	55		
		øf	96	kwøn	13	smøl	54		
		øb	95	møn	13	køl	47		
		øp	88	jøb	13	lø	47		
		før	80	jør	13	mørn	46		
		bød	67	køn	12	nør	46		
		øt	67	møk	12	sø	43		
		prøp	66	øk	12	førm	38		
		føl	61	tøl	11	løs	35		
		gøt	55	køsts	11	pør	34		
		prøb	45			kør	34		
		spøn	45			køld	34		
		mød	38			brøt	33		
		øl	35			røn	32		
		bøm	34			hørs	31		
		mør	33			kørd	28		
		nøl	32			føl	28		
		prøf	30			løst	28		
		døl	30			krøs	25		
		hør	28			kwør	24		
		nøm	28			tøk	23		
		pøl	27			strøn	23		
		køst	26			sørt	21		
		kør	26			lørt	21		
		prød	24			gøn	20		
		kløk	23			førmd	20		
		prøm	22			drø	18		
		pø	22			wørd	18		
		døk	22			nørth	16		
		køp	21			löz	16		
		prøs	20			øt	16		
		køl	20			brød	14		
		nøn	20			drøn	14		
		yønd	19			kørn	14		
<u>6,507</u>				<u>9,919</u>				<u>4,277</u>	
101				65				51	

u						ə			
but	517	turnd*	41	fun	16			gər	33
un	466	dun	40	suf	16	ə	3167	jər	30
wun	412	kul	40	lurnd*	16	ər	2084	tərd	29
up	333	trub	37	ul	16	lən	923	mər	29
wur*	328	hur*	37	dukt	15	tər	575	dərd	27
us	282	zult	37	jur*	15	əl	570	gən	27
sum	277	jus	37	lurn*	15	ən	386	sərz	27
kum	270	mus	36	surv*	14	ərz	379	zənd	27
uf	258	munhs	35	surç*	14	dər	290	nə	27
hur*	233	vur*	34	sur*	14	vər	251	nər	27
pur*	194	kumz	32	mul	14	pər	235	ənd	26
sur*	178	gurl*	32	bruft	13	lənz	212	rəl	25
must	165	trust	31	wurks*	13	bər	142	ət	25
suç	132	muft	31	urh*	13	ər*	132	də	24
furst*	131	run	31	purts*	12	mə	129	dəm	24
wurk*	124	hur*	31	blud	12	kəl	127	fə	24
su	120	mur*	30	burn*	12	mən	126	zən	24
sub	120	munh	28	kup	12	ərd	124	fər	23
kun	113	kus	27	vurt*	12	təl	119	nəns	22
muç	107	lus	27	sump	12	tərz	105	stəns	21
world*	106	hun	26	rub	12	ənz	104	yər	21
just	100	buv	25	bur*	11	flər	97	ənt	21
pub	83	um	25	tus	11	rə	75	ərt	21
fur*	81	sun	24	fund	11	lər	73	trəl	20
guv	78	kut	23	vurs*	11	pə	72	kwəl	20
duz	69	gunz	23	strug	11	yən	67	məl	20
nuh	61	sug	23	stur*	11	tə	63	stənt	18
mun	60	juj	23	ruß	11	nəl	63	əz	18
wuns	59	wurh*	23	wurs*	11	pəs	61	çənz	17
num	58	duk	22	wurldz*	11	ləl	56	bərd	16
tur*	57	hur*	22			bərz	53	fərt	16
gun	56	ut	22			sər	52	vəl	16
ur*	53	ukts	21			ək	49	sə	16
frunt	51	tuç	20			wərd	47	jən	15
kuv	49	zurv*	20			əns	41	lə	15
dus	48	strukt	19			tənt	40	əpt	15
struk	48	sus	19			sən	40	trə	14
turn*	47	wurd*	19			yənz	38	təm	14
suk	47	gurlz*	18			təns	36	gəl	14
mun	46	furm*	18			kə	36	sənz	14
kur*	45	wurdz*	18			jərz	36	pərz	13
nuf	44	turmz*	17			əlz	36	tən	13
luv	43	flus	17			çən	35	zəndz	13
yun	43	nun	17			əd	35	bən	12
		tunz	16			dərz	33	və	12
				7,773					
				119					



ä		ö		ai		ü			
ä	1259	läz	26	pönt	51	ar	378	nü	182
bä	644	wáz	26	béz	29	at	332	fü	100
mä	341	fán	25	lë	25	na	210	mü	55
tám	222	strák	25	plë	22	bait	153	dü	51
rát	143	tá	24	ël	20	hai	152	bü	49
lák	133	hánd	24	vës	19	dain	99	dür	47
sád	105	plád	23	bë	15	pai	77	düs	39
há	100	kwárd	23	strë	15	hais	70	hü	35
láf	91	fár	23	jë	14	fand	64	kü	34
mát	85	zár	23	çës	11	kain	52	vü	34
hwäl	80	dä	22			mant	43	sü	34
nát	64	äl	22			hai	40	nüz	33
fát	62	pláz	20			rand	39	lü	31
lät	61	áv	20			kant	37	tü	28
áz	61	vás	17			arz	34	kür	28
fánd	60	sádz	17			paundz	26	düst	27
kánd	53	hwát	17			daut	26	tüd	24
län	53	nán	16			grand	25	süt	21
hwä	51	mán	16			flair	25	süm	21
fáv	49	táz	15			paund	24	lüt	20
sä	48	flä	15			haiz	23	tüt	19
mánd	48	fás	15			nains	22	püt	17
fä	45	rävd	15			saih	21	tün	17
trä	45	práz	14			naunst	20	gü	17
präs	43	táp	14			tain	19	tür	11
támz	42	krá	14			kraid	15		
plä	39	räd	14			saind	11		
lä	39	ráz	14			laud	11		
dráv	37	wád	14						
fád	37	wár	14						
ázd	37	ád	14						
kwár	35	váz	13						
tár	34	mäl	13						
vád	34	frát	12						
sát	32	spát	12						
çäld	32	wáf	12						
prä	30	tárd	11						
rä	30	däd	11						
ám	30	räts	11						
kwát	28	wäld	11						
vä	28								
mälz	28								
länz	27								
sáz	26								
		5,258		221		2,048		973	
		84		10		28		25	



TABLE 10 SUMMARY OF TABLE 9

Vowel sound	Occurrences	Items
n	787	10
l	1,073	12
<i>n, l</i>	1,860	22
a	13,453	120
ɑ	1,560	28
e	12,076	204
ē	6,126	99
i	28,388	179
ī	6,507	101
ə	9,919	65
ē	4,277	51
u	7,773	119
ə	12,350	90
o	5,418	77
u	2,393	31
ū	5,676	36
<i>Vowel</i>	115,916	1,200
ä	5,258	84
ë	221	10
ai	2,048	28
ü	973	25
<i>Diphthong</i>	8,500	147
ñi	7,310	1
<i>n, l</i>	1,860	22
<i>Vowel</i>	115,916	1,200
<i>Diphthong</i>	8,500	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,586</b>	<b>1,370</b>

TABLE II 1370 COMMONEST SYLLABLES IN FONETIC ORDER

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ɛ	i	ɪ	ə	ɐ
pl  460 16		plan 25 planz 19		plez 17	plē 38 plēs 81 plēst 14 plēn 45 plēnz 19	pli 24	plɪt 41 plɪz 17 plɪzd 16		
pr  1,061 2		prak 44		pres 53 prest 27 prez 99 preʃ 30		pri 130 prit 27 priz 14 prin 20	pri 36	prɛp 66 prɛb 45 prɛd 24 prɛks 14 prɛg 15 prɛf 30 prɛs 20 prɛm 22	
 3,242 59	pn 41 pl 218 plz 34	pat 20 pak 18 pas 65 past 47 paʃ 12 pan 12 par 30 par* 19 pard* 25	par 107 part 123 parts 17	pekt 35 peʃ 11 pen 55 pend 20 pel 12 per 23	pē 140 pēd 18 pēj 13 pēn 19 pēnt 19	pi 42 pik 34 pin 30	pɪ 238 pɪs 74 pɪr 14 pɪrd 14	pə 22 pɛp 18 pɛs 194 pɛl 27	pər 3
bl  111 5		blak 18				bli 54 bliŋ 16			
br  147 8				bred 14	brēk 22	brij 11 briŋ 23			brət 3 brəd 3

u	ə	o	u	û	á	é	ai	ü
					plá 39 plád 23 pláz 20	plé 22		
		pro 226		prûv 21 prûvd 11	prá 30 prás 43 práz 14			
pub 83 pur* 194 purts* 12	pə 72 pəs 61 pər 235 pərz 13	po 153 post 17 poz 35 pozd 28 por 47 port 77 ports 29	pu 73	pûr 24		pént 51	pai 77 páind 24 páindz 26	pür 17
blud 12				blû 11				
brud 13		bro 17						

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ī	ə	ē
b	bl 386 blz 13 <u>5,121</u> 51	bat 58 bad 24 bak 87 ban 12 ban̩k 19 bar 18	bar 23 bard 31	bet 38 bed 11 beg 11 best 52 ber 36	bē 54 bēs 11	bi 621 bit 20 big 55 biz 114 biſ 16 bin 329 bil 82 bilt 26 bild 47	bī 967 bīt 12	bəd 67 bēm 34 bēndz 18	bēt börn
tr	<u>859</u> 28	trak 14 trakt 28 trav 20 trast 11 trans 51		trenç 12	trē 54 trēt 12 trēd 15 trēn 37 trēnz 13	tri 206 trib 17 trik 26 triz 24	trī 12 trīt 14 trīm 14		
tw	<u>104</u> 3			twen 31 twelv 13			twīn 60		
t	tl 28 <u>8,123</u> 77	tab 33 tak 32 taks 32 task 16		te 16 tekt 11 tes 13 test 20 tem 52 tempt 18 ten 87 tent 38 tend 46 tens 23 tel 100 ter 30	tē 160 tēt 20 tēk 171 tēks 14 tēn 43 tēnd 31 tēl 21	ti 830 tik 68 tif 11 tiv 136 tivz 23 tis 65 tiz 115 tiſ 16 tij 20 tin 122 tiī 108	tī 42 tiç 19 tīn 27	təl 11 tər 15	tēt tøk

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but 517 buv 25 bur* 11 burn* 12	bən 12 bər 142 bərd 16 bərdz 53	boh 45 bor 13 bord 19	buk 18 buks 34		bá 644	bé 15 béz 29	bait 153	bü 49
trub 37 trust 31	trə 14 trəl 20	tro 30 trol 25		trū 30 trūps 26 trūh 21	trá 45			
tus 11 tuç 20 tunz 16 tur* 57 turmz* 17 turn* 47 turnd* 41	tə 63 təm 14 tən 13 tənt 40 təns 36 təl 119 tər 575 tərd 29 tərz 105	to 179 told 34	tu 305 tuk 40	tū 3152 tūr 12	tá 24 táp 14 táz 15 tám 222 támz 42 tár 34 tárd 11		tan 19	tü 28 tüt 19 túd 24 tün 17 tūr 11

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r $\frac{191}{8}$				dred 32 dres 28 dren 36		driv 12 drink 14			drø 12 drøn 14
w $\frac{12}{1}$				dwel 12					
$\frac{3,657}{54}$	dn 16 dl 20	dam 15		ded 15 dek 17 def 16 dev 13 des 21 dem 34 den 21 dent 82 dents 13 dens 42 del 11	dē 266 dēt 23 dēz 78 dēn 24	di 835 did 134 dik 13 dif 63 dis 261 diz 22 diš 81 din 30	dī 63 dīp 19 dīd 25 dīl 27 dīr 58	døk 22 døl 30	
$\frac{210}{11}$		klas 22 klard* 12			klēm 14		kltn 18 kltr 34	kløk 23	
r $\frac{175}{10}$				kred 22		krit 19	kri 11 krit 14 kris 28 krīst 15 krīm 12		krøs 22
w $\frac{281}{13}$				kwes 45 kwest 17 kwent 14		kwip 15 kwit 12 kwik 18		kwøn 13 kwøl 17	kwør 22



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					dráv 37			
uk 22 ukt 15 us 48 uz 69 un 40	də 24 dəm 24 dər 290 dərd 27 dərz 33	do 27 dont 67		dū 239	dá 22 dád 11		dait 26 dain 99	dü 51 düs 39 düst 27 dür 47
		klos 19 kloz 12 klozd 19		klū 14 klūd 23				
					krá 14		kräud 15	
	kwəl 20				kwát 28 kwár 35 kwárd 23			

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r	335 10	graf 11 gram 18		gres 16	grē 13 grēt 181		grɪ 30 grɪz 11		
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	69 4 flat 13								
r	618 8			freɪ 21 frend 23 frendz 17	frēd 11		frɪ 50	frəm 433	

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kup 12 kut 23 kuv 49 kus 27 kum 270 kumz 32 kun 113 kul 40 kur* 45	kə 36 kəl 127	ko 42 kol 34 kold 18 kort 20 kors 46	kud 147		kānd 53		kain 52 kaint 37	kū 34 kūr 28
		glo 12						
		gro 15 gron 15					grand 25	
guv 78 gun 56 gunz 23 gurl* 32 gurlz* 18	gən 27 gəl 14 gər 33	go 179 goz 13 gold 15	gud 108 gudz 17					gū 17
			flu 16		flā 15		flair 25	
frunt 51					frāt 12			

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4,048 71		fak 80 fakt 58 fakts 13 fast 16 fam 28 fan 21 farz* 18	fa 26 far 65 farm 35	fed 14 fek 21 fekt 70 fen 27 fend 24 fens 26 fel 35 felt 16 fer 34	fē 35 fēh 21 fēs 42 fēl 32	fi 58 fit 27 fig 29 fif 28 fiz 13 fiš 98 fin 20 fil 14 fild 12	ft 26 fit 44 fil 48 fild 23 fildz 11 fir 21	fēl 61 fēr 80	fēl 28 fēr 1136 fērm 38 fērmd 20
1,364 38	vn 98	vast 13 van 27 vans 17 val 53		ves 32 vest 28 ven 31 vent 28 vel 27 ver 146	vē 49 vēd 12 vēl 21	vi 44 vit 13 vik 32 vis 55 viz 18 viz 39 vij 17 vil 17		vēl 15 vōlvd 15	
184 3							hri 75		
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r* 34 rt* 12 rs* 11	vø 12 væl 16 vær 251	vo 11 vot 25			vå 28 våd 34 vås 17 váz 13	vés 19		vü 34
		hro 13	⑨	hrû 96				
r* 37 rd* 22							hai 40	
s 17	fær 97	fō 60 fōz 104						

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spr $\frac{15}{1}$						sprɪŋ 15			
sp $\frac{280}{13}$				spek 20 spekt 35 spes 13 speʃ 35 spent 12		spi 14 spir 26	spɪd 12 spɪk 31 spɪç 13	spən 45	
str $\frac{261}{12}$				streŋθ 20	strēt 28 strēnj 28	strikt 12	strɪt 21		strəŋ
st $\frac{617}{19}$		staf 12 stand 106 standz 12	start 22	step 14 sted 27	stē 38 stēt 89 stēj 12	sti 44 stil 58	stɪl 51		
skr $\frac{18}{1}$						skrip 18			
skw $\frac{18}{1}$		skwar* 18							
sk $\frac{36}{2}$						skil 11			



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		spok 12			spåt 12			
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				skül 25				



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ult 37 urv* 20	zənd 27 zəndz 13	zors 15			zār 23			

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š		šal 120		šens 12 šel 15 šelz 15 šer 11	šep 12	ši 21 šip 77 šips 27	ši 188 šin 27		šert
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sus 27 san 923 sənz 212 səl 56	so 48 son 12 sol 12	sud 119	sür 53					
	zən 24		zu 23					
	çən 35 çənz 17		çu 47 çur 161 çurd 19 çurz 26		çald 32	çəs 11		
jus 37 just 100 juj 23 jur* 15	jən 15 jər 30 jərz 36			jū 16		jə 14		
mūd 31 mus 36 must 165 muç 107 mun 60 munh 28 munhs 35 muŋ 46 mül 14 mur* 30	mə 129 mən 126 məl 20 mər 29	mo 116 most 155 mor 221		mūv 38 mūvd 18	mā 341 māt 85 mán 16 mänd 48 mäl 13 mälz 28		mant 43	mü 55

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n	See page 80 <u>3,527</u> 51	naʃ 29 naç 21 nan 20		net 16 nek 15 nekst 44 nev 110 nes 264 nest 11 nent 20	nē 200 nēt 21 nēm 48 nēmz 14	ni 187 nit 30 nid 13 nif 15 niz 15 niʃ 30 niŋ 27	ni 23 nid 48 nidz 21 nir 61	nēt 596 nēm 28 nēn 20 nəl 32	nēr 46 nērɪ 16
l	See page 80 <u>4,027</u> 63	lat 11 lak 16 last 86 land 36	lar 18 larj 69	let 121 lek 73 lekt 29 left 48 les 166 lej 13 lem 21 lent 29	lē 154 lēt 70 lēd 16	li 1201 lib 30 lit 152 lik 76 liv 71 livd 11 lis 18 list 43 liʃ 16 lij 26 lim 35 lin 28	li 22 lid 27 lif 11 liv 71 livz 11 lis 17 list 22	lēt 18	lē 47 lēs 35 lēst 28 lēz 16 lēŋ 147
r	<u>3,314</u> 53	rap 15 raf 32		rep 38 red 79 rek 69 rekt 41 reg 19 ref 22 rev 20 res 27 rest 34 rez 12 rej 12 ren 15	rē 99 rēt 32 rēd 16 rēs 11 rēz 11 rēj 35 rēl 39	ri 1625 rit 22 rid 17 riz 26 riç 12 rij 12 rin 14	ri 193 rid 43 riç 24 riçt 13 rin 13 rir 13		rēŋ 32



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nuf 44 nuh 61 num 58 nun 17	nø 27 nøns 22 næl 63 nær 27	no 478 not 28 noz 32 non 45		nün 37	nät 64 nän 16		nai 210 nains 22 nainst 20	nü 182 nüz 33
luv 43 lurn* 15 lurnd* 16	læ 15 lær 73	lo 60 lon 50	luk 56 lukt 56	lüz 11	lä 39 lät 61 läk 133 läf 91 láz 26 lán 53 länz 27	lei 25	laid 11	lü 31 lüt 20
rub 12 ruš 11 run 31	rø 75 ræl 25	ro 44 rod 37 rodz 21 roz 18		rüm 24 rül 13	rä 30 rát 143 ráts 11 rád 14 rávd 15 ráz 14		raund 39	



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wun 412 wuns 59 wur* 328 wurd* 19 wurdz* 18 werk* 124 wurks* 13 wurh* 23 wurs* 11 world* 106 worldz* 11	wərd 47	wont 17	wu 57 wud 281	wünd 11	wád 14 wáf 12 wáz 26 wáld 11 wár 14			
yun 43	yən 67 yənz 38 yər 21		yu 268 yut 16 yur 37 yurz 19	yū 862 yūs 48 yüz 54 yūzd 45 yūn 13 yūr 230 yūrz 56				
					hwá 51 hwát 17 hwál 80			
hun 26 hur* 233 hurd* 31	hər 11	ho 11 hop 41 hom 69 hol 61 hold 51	hud 18	hū 252 hūz 42 hūm 28	há 100 hánd 24		hai 152 hais 70 haiz 23	hü 35

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owel	n 343	a 686	ɑ 11	e 110	ē 464	i 3217	ɪ 186	ə 155	ō 61
45,371	nt 119	ap 24	ar 642	et 32	ēt 97	it 1416	ɪt 23	ep 88	ot 16
152	nd 44	ab 34	art 19	ets 12	ēd 19	its 293	iv 27	eb 95	of 72
	nz 20	at 612	arm 22	ed 907	ēj 21	id 86	ist 13	et 67	ol 679
	l 264	ad 177		ek 99	ēr 20	ik 101	iz 56	ek 12	or 602
	ld 28	ak 104		eks 295		if 276	ic 63	eg 16	
	lz 30	akt 36		egz 104		iv 14	irz 11	ef 96	
		akts 11		ef 30		is 181		ev 4001	
		ag 12		ev 308		ist 48		en 816	
		af 154		eh 17		ists 21		el 35	
		av 34		es 94		iz 1286			
		as 21		est 186		izm 30			
		ask 37		ests 11		is 84			
		askt 36		ez 529		ist 19			
		az 783		ej 44		ij 141			
		aj 29		em 86		im 141			
		am 126		en 675		in 3284			
		an 462		ent 162		in 2353			
		and 3280		ents 16		inz 53			
		an 17		end 43		il 25			
		al 23		ens 106					
		ar* 23		el 63					
				els 25					
				elz 27					
				er 18					
	848	6,721	694	3,999	621	13,069	379	5,381	1,430
	7	22	4	25	5	20	7	10	5
26,276	1,860	13,453	1,560	12,076	6,126	28,388	6,507	9,919	4,277
1,369	22	120	28	204	99	179	101	65	51
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ut 22	əpt 15	od 19	ud 11		äd 14		air 378	
ukts 21	ət 25	oz 24	ur 52		äv 20		airz 34	
uf 258	əd 35	on 276			üz 61			
us 282	ək 49	old 84			äzd 37			
um 25	əz 18				äm 30			
un 466	ən 386				äl 22			
ul 16	ənt 21							
ur* 53	ənd 26							
urh* 13	əns 41							
	ənz 104							
	əl 570							
	əlz 36							
	ər 2084							
	ərt 21							
	ərd 124							
	ərz 379							
	ərn 132							
<u>1,489</u>	<u>7,233</u>	<u>1,110</u>	<u>190</u>		<u>1,443</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>744</u>	
10	18	5	3		7	1	3	
<u>7,773</u>	<u>12,350</u>	<u>5,418</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>5,676</u>	<u>5,258</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>973</u>
119	90	77	31	36	84	10	28	25

TABLE 12 SUMMARY OF TABLE II

Initial sound	Occurrences	Items	Initial sound	Occurrences	Items
pl	460	16	spl	11	1
pr	1,061	24	spr	15	1
p	3,242	59	sp	280	13
bl	111	5	str	261	12
br	147	8	st	617	19
b	5,121	51	skr	18	1
tr	859	28	skw	18	1
tw	104	3	sk	36	2
t	8,123	77	sm	54	1
dr	191	8	sl	13	1
dw	12	1	sw	18	1
d	3,657	54	s	5,188	90
kl	210	11	z	393	14
kr	175	10	ʃ	2,008	21
kw	281	13	ʒ	47	2
k	3,724	60	ç	600	19
gl	33	2	j	659	21
gr	335	10	m	5,514	74
g	1,461	36	n	3,527	51
fl	69	4	l	4,027	63
fr	618	8	r	3,314	53
f	4,048	71	w	5,553	51
v	1,364	38	y	2,130	21
hr	184	3	hw	1,319	9
h	554	11	h	5,051	48
ɸ	4,090	16	Consonant	80,905	1,217



Initial sound	Occurrences	Items
n	526	4
l	322	3
<i>n, l</i>	848	7
a	6,721	22
ɑ	694	4
e	3,999	25
ē	621	5
i	13,069	20
ī	379	7
ə	5,381	10
ō	1,430	5
u	1,489	10
ə	7,233	18
o	1,110	5
u	190	3
ū		
<i>Vowel</i>	42,316	134
ä	1,443	7
ē	20	1
ai	744	3
<i>Diphthong</i>	2,207	11
ñi	7,310	1
<i>Consonant</i>	80,905	1,217
<i>n, l</i>	848	7
<i>Vowel</i>	42,316	134
<i>Diphthong</i>	2,207	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,586</b>	<b>1,370</b>

TABLE 13 1370 COMMONEST SYLLABLES IN REV

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ɪ	ə	ɐ
mp $\frac{12}{1}$									
lp $\frac{29}{1}$				help 29					
p $\frac{1,072}{23}$		ap 24 kap 66 çap 14 rap 15 hap 69		step 14 sep 32 rep 38	sep 12	lip 77 skrip 18 kwip 15	dip 19 kɪp 47 çɪp 19	ep 88 pep 18 kep 21 prep 66	
b $\frac{532}{12}$		ab 34 tab 33 hab 13				lib 30 trib 17		eb 95 jeb 13 preb 45	
mpt $\frac{18}{1}$				tempt 18					
pt $\frac{98}{4}$				kept 23 sept 41					
skt $\frac{36}{1}$		askt 36							

FONETIC ORDER — RIMING DICTIONARY ORDER

u	ə	o	u	ū	i	é	ai	ü
sump 12	c							
up 333 kup 12		hop 41			táp 14			
pub 83 sub 120 rub 12 trub 37								
	əpt 15			stūpt 19				



u	ə	o	u	ū	ɪ	é	ai	ü
dukt 15 strukt 19			lukt 16					
							nānst 20	
furst* 131		forst 27						
just 100 must 165 trust 31		post 17 most 155						düst 27





u	ø	o	u	û	á	é	ai	ü
frunt 51	ønt 21 tønt 40 stønt 18	dont 67 wont 17				pønt 51	kant 37 mant 43	
zult 37								
vurt* 12	ørt 21 ført 16	port 77 kort 20						

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ī	ē	ū
t	nt 119	at 612 pat 20 bat 58 kat 14 fat 1346 sat 50 mat 90 lat 11 flat 13		et 32 bet 38 ket 21 get 127 set 86 met 25 net 16 let 121 yet 68	ēt 97 tēt 20 stēt 89 dēt 23 kēt 33 gēt 13 mēt 16 nēt 21 lēt 70 rēt 32 trēt 12 strēt 28 grēt 181 wēt 35 hēt 11	it 1416 bit 20 fit 27 vit 13 sit 104 mit 124 nit 30 lit 152 rit 22 prit 27 krit 19 wit 21 kwit 12	īt 23 bit 12 fit 44 sit 19 mīt 63 plīt 41 trīt 14 strīt 21 krīt 14 swīt 18 hwīt 38	et 67 get 55 net 596 let 18 hwet 277	ēt 1 bēt 1 tēt 1 kēt 1 hēt 6 brēt 3
lvd	$\frac{15}{1}$							vōlvd 15	
vd	$\frac{102}{6}$				sēvd 17	livd 11	stvd 30		
zd	$\frac{145}{5}$						plīzd 16		
njd	$\frac{15}{1}$				gēnjd 15				
rjd	$\frac{11}{1}$		garjd 11						

u	ə	o	u	û	á	é	ai	ü
ut 22 but 517 kut 23	ət 25	vot 25 not 28	put 73 fut 19 yut 16		spát 12 fát 62 sát 32 mát 85 nát 64 lát 61 rát 143 frát 12 kwát 28 hwát 17		at 332 bat 153 dat 26	tüt 19 süt 21 lüt 20
				mûvd 18 prûvd 11	râvd 15			
		pozđ 28 klozd 19		yûzd 45	âzd 37			

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ɪ	ə	ə
jd $\frac{11}{1}$					gējd 11				
rmd $\frac{20}{1}$									fərmd 20
md $\frac{26}{1}$							sɪmd 26		
rnd $\frac{57}{2}$									
nd $\frac{4,230}{28}$		and 3280 stand 106 mand 53 land 36 hand 57		end 43 pend 20 tend 46 fend 24 send 40 mend 18 frend 23	tēnd 31 gēnd 11			yēnd 19	
rld $\frac{106}{1}$									
ld $\frac{409}{13}$				held 33		bild 47 fild 12	fild 23		kēld 34

u	ə	o	u	ü	ä	ɛ	ai	ü
turnd* 41 lurnd* 16								
fund 11 ænd 26 zænd 27				wünd 11	känd 53 fänd 60 mänd 48 händ 24		päund 24 fäund 64 säund 11 räund 39 gräund 25	
world*106								
		old 84 told 34 kold 18 gold 15 sold 15 hold 51			gäld 32 wäld 11			



u	ø	o	u	ū	ä	ë	ai	ü
hurd* 22 wurd* 19 hurd* 31	ærd 124 bærd 16 tærd 29 dærd 27 wærd 47	bord 19	çurd 19		tård 11 kwård 23			
blud 12	æd 35	od 19 rod 37	ud 11 stud 28 kud 147 gud 108 ſud 119 wud 281 hud 18	fūd 53 klūd 23	äd 14 däd 11 fäd 37 väd 34 säd 105 pläd 23 räd 14 wäd 14		laud 11 kräud 15	tūd 24
wurk*124								



	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ī	ə	ē
k		ak 104 pak 18 bak 87 tak 32 fak 80 sak 21 lak 16 blak 18 prak 44 trak 14		ek 99 spek 20 dek 17 fek 21 sek 56 gek 21 jek 21 nek 15 lek 73 rek 69	tēk 171 mēk 141 brēk 22	ik 101 pik 34 tik 68 dik 13 vik 32 sik 13 lik 76 trik 26 kwik 18	sptk 31 stk 17 wtk 42	øk 12 døk 22 møk 12 kløk 23	tøk 2
	2,193 50								
g		ag 12 mag 20 wag 11		beg 11 reg 19		big 55 fig 29 sig 28		øg 16 prøg 15	
	250 12								
lf				self 166					
	166 1								
f		af 154 staf 12 graf 11 haf 63		ef 30 def 16 ref 22	sēf 33	if 276 tif 11 dif 63 fif 28 nif 15	ɣf 20 lif 11	ɔf 96 prɔf 30	ɔf 7
	1,126 22								
lv				twelv 13					
	13 1								
rv									
	34 2								

u	ø	o	u	û	á	ǿ	ai	ü
duk 22 suk 47 struk 48	æk 49	spok 12	buk 18 tuk 40 luk 56		lák 133 strák 25			
sug 23 strug 11								
suf 16 nuf 44					láf 91 wáf 12			
surv* 14 zurv* 20								

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ī	ē	ē
v		av 34 trav 20 hav 658		ev 308 dev 13 sev 64 nev 110 rev 20 hev 45	gēv 36 sēv 49 slēv 13	iv 14 tiv 136 giv 121 siv 68 liv 71 driv 12	lv 27 sv 17 lv 71	ev 4001	
	6,268 31								
nh									
	28 1								
ŋh				streŋh 20					
	20 1								
lh				welh 11 helh 12					
	23 2								
rh									nēr
	76 4								
h				eh 17 meh 26	feh 21				
	212 7								
ɸ		gaɸ 15 raɸ 32		geɸ 38 weɸ 15 hweɸ 31		wiɸ 841			
	1,274 9								

u	ə	o	u	û	á	ǣ	ai	ü
buv 25 kuv 49 guv 78 luv 43				mûv 38 prûv 21	áv 20 fáv 49 dráv 37			
munh 28								
urh* 13 wurh* 23		forh 24						
nûh 61		boh 45		trûh 21			saih 21	
uuf 258 muuf 31 bruuf 13								

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ɪ	ə	ē
ps $\frac{79}{3}$		haps 26				sips 27			
kts $\frac{59}{4}$		akts 11 fakts 13		jekts 14					
sts $\frac{43}{3}$				ests 11		ists 21		kests 11	
nts $\frac{181}{6}$				ents 16 dents 13 sents 30 jents 13 ments 97					wēnts 12
rts $\frac{58}{3}$			parts 17						
ts $\frac{350}{5}$		ɫats 21		ets 12 gets 13		its 293			
rks $\frac{30}{2}$			marks 17						
ks $\frac{480}{8}$		taks 32		eks 295	tēks 14 mēks 26	siks 49	wiks 16	prōks 14	

u	ə	o	u	û	á	é	ai	ü
				trûps 26				
ukts 21								
ourts* 12		ports 29						
					ráts 11			
wurks* 13								
			buks 34					

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ɛ	i	ɪ	ə	ɐ
nhs $\frac{35}{1}$									
ns $\frac{589}{17}$		vans 17 trans 51		ens 106 tens 23 dens 42 fens 26 sens 35 ʃens 12 mens 12 hens 12		sins 52			
ls $\frac{25}{1}$				els 25					
rs $\frac{173}{6}$									hɛrs
s $\frac{3,897}{64}$		as 21 pas 65 mas 30 klas 22		es 94 spes 13 tes 13 des 21 ves 32 ses 69 zes 11 jes 15 mes 20 nes 264 les 166 res 27 pres 53 dres 28 gres 16 kwes 45 yes 57	bɛs 11 kɛs 71 fɛs 42 plɛs 81 rɛs 11	is 181 tis 65 dis 261 vis 55 ʃis 572 sis 70 çis 17 mis 68 lis 18 his 26	pts 74 sts 11 lts 17 krts 28	pɛs 194 prɛs 20 hɛs 16	lɛs krɛs



u	ø	o	u	û	ä	é	au	ü
mun <sup>ns</sup> 35								
wuns 59	øns 41 tøns 36 støns 21 nøns 22						nans 22	
vurs* 11 wurs* 11		kors 46 fors 59 zors 15						
us 282 tus 11 dus 48 kus 27 fus 17 sus 19 sus 27 jus 37 mus 36	pøs 61	klos 19		yūs 48	fäs 15 väs 17 präs 43	vēs 19 gēs 11	haus 70	dūs 39

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ɪ	ə	ē
ndz $\frac{118}{6}$		standz 12 handz 32		frendz 17				bəndz 18	
rldz $\frac{11}{1}$									
ldz $\frac{11}{1}$							fɪldz 11		
rdz $\frac{34}{2}$			yardz 16						
dz $\frac{76}{4}$							nɪdz 21		
gz $\frac{104}{1}$				egz 104					
lvz $\frac{55}{1}$				selvz 55					
vz $\frac{47}{3}$						tivz 23 givz 13	lvz 11		

u	ə	o	u	û	ɑ̃	ɛ̃	ai	ü
	zəndz 13						pəndz 26	
wurldz*11								
wurldz*18								
		rodz 21	gudz 17		sədz 17			

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ɪ	ə	ɔ
rmz $\frac{17}{1}$									
mz $\frac{118}{4}$					nēmz 14		sɪmz 30		
nz $\frac{548}{12}$		planz 19			plēnz 19 trēnz 13		mɪnz 46		
ŋz $\frac{135}{2}$						ɪŋz 53 hɪŋz 82			
rlz $\frac{18}{1}$									
lz $\frac{106}{4}$				elz 27 ʒelz 15					
rz $\frac{932}{16}$		farz* 18 ɸarz* 11 (7)	karz 18				ɪrz 11 yɪrz 93		

u	ə	o	u	û	ä	ë	ai	ü
turmz* 17								
kumz 32					tāmz 42			
tunz 16 gunz 23	ənz 104 sənz 14 lənz 212 çənz 17 yənz 38				lānz 27			
gurlz* 18								
	əlz 36				mälz 28			
	ərz 379 pərz 13 bərz 53 tərz 105 dərz 33 sərz 27 jərz 36		çurz 26 yurz 19	yürz 56			ariz 34	



u	ə	o	u	û	ä	ë	ai	ü
luz 69	əz 18	oz 24 poz 35 goz 13 foz 104 noz 32 kloz 12 roz 18		lûz 11 yûz 54 hûz 42	áz 61 táz 15 váz 13 sáz 26 láz 26 pláz 20 ráz 14 práz 14 wáz 26	béz 29	haiz 23	nüz 33
us 11								
urç* 14								



	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	I	o	ø
ç $\frac{936}{13}$		paç 12 naç 21				siç 41 riç 12 hwiç 454	tç 63 spiç 13 tiç 19 rļç 24	wəç 18	
nj $\frac{92}{3}$					çēnj 29 rēnj 35 strēnj 28				
rj $\frac{108}{2}$			çarj 39 larj 69						
j $\frac{405}{15}$		aj 29		ej 44 lej 13 rej 12	ēj 21 pēj 13 stēj 12 wēj 11	ij 141 tij 20 vij 17 lij 26 rij 12 brij 11			
zm $\frac{30}{1}$						izm 30			
rm $\frac{124}{5}$			arm 22 farm 35						fōrm 3 wōrm 1
m $\frac{3,388}{41}$		am 126 dam 15 kam 19 fam 28 sam 13 gram 18		em 86 tem 52 dem 34 đem 262 mem 80 lem 21	kēm 82 sēm 67 nēm 48 klēm 14	im 141 sim 65 lim 35 wim 48 him 285	stm 20 trīm 14 krīm 12	bēm 34 kēm 225 nēm 28 prēm 22 frēm 433	

u	ə	o	u	û	â	ê	ai	ü
tuç 20 suç 132 muç 107								
uj 23								
urm* 18								
m 25 um 270 um 277 um 58	təm 14 dəm 24	hom 69		rûm 24 hûm 28	âm 30 tâm 22			sûm 20



u	ə	o	u	ū	á	é	ai	ü
burn* 12 turn* 47 surn* 14 lurn* 15	ørn 132							
un 466 dun 40 kun 113 gun 56 fun 16 sun 24 mun 60 nun 17 run 31 wun 412 hun 26	øn 386 bøn 12 tøn 13 gøn 27 søn 40 løn 923 zøn 24 çøn 35 jøn 15 møn 126 yøn 67	on 276 ston 12 fon 11 lon 12 non 45 lon 50 gron 15		sūn 48 nūn 37 yūn 13	fán 25 mán 16 nán 16 lán 33		tan 19 dan 99 kan 52	tūn 17
mun 46 yūn 43								

	n, l	a	ɑ	e	ē	i	ī	ə	ō
rl									
$\frac{32}{1}$									
l	See page 116 $\frac{4,671}{74}$	al 23 gal 15 val 53 ʃal 120		el 63 pel 12 tel 100 del 11 fel 35 vel 27 sel 43 ʃel 15 wel 122 dwel 12	tēl 21 fēl 32 vēl 21 sēl 21 mēl 13 rēl 39	il 25 bil 82 til 108 stil 58 kil 15 skil 11 fil 14 vil 17 sil 28 çil 39 mil 117 wil 470	stīl 51 dīl 27 fīl 48	ēl 35 pēl 27 tēl 11 dēl 30 kēl 20 fēl 61 vēl 15 nēl 32 kwēl 17	ōl 6 kōl fōl smōl
r	$\frac{12,189}{108}$	ar* 23 par 30 par* 19 bar 18 kar 88 ɹar* 335 nar 25 skwar* 18 war* 22 hwar* 125	ar 642 par 107 bar 23 kar 43 gar 19 far 65 mar 31 lar 18 har 15	er 18 per 23 ber 36 ter 30 ker 46 fer 34 ver 146 ʃer 11 çer 28 her 25	ēr 20 ɹēr 323 ⑧	spir 26	pīr 14 dīr 58 fīr 21 mīr 30 nīr 61 klīr 34 rīr 13 yīr 60 hīr 147	tēr 15 kēr 26 fēr 80 hēr 28 jēr 13 mēr 33	ōr 6 pōr kōr fōr 11 mōr nōr wōr 2 kwōr

u	ø	o	u	ū	ä	ö	ai	ü
gurl* 32								
ul 16 kul 40 mul 14	æl 570 tæl 119 kæl 127 gæl 14 væl 16 læl 56 mæl 20 næl 63 ræl 25 træl 20 kwæl 20	kol 34 sol 58 fol 12 trol 25 hol 61	ful 224	skül 25 rül 13	äl 22 mäl 13 hwäl 80	öl 20		
ur* 53 pur* 194 bur* 11 tur* 57 stur* 11 kur* 45 fur* 81 vur* 34 hur* 37 sur* 178 jur* 15 mur* 30 wur* 328 hur* 233	ær 2084 pær 235 bær 142 tær 575 dær 290 gær 33 fær 23 vær 251 dær 97 sær 52 jær 30 mær 29 nær 27 lær 73 yær 21 hær 11	por 47 bor 13 stor 23 for 228 mor 221	ur 52 çur 161 yur 37	pūr 24 tūr 12 sūr 53 yūr 230	tär 34 fär 23 zär 23 wär 14 kwär 35		air 378 flair 25	pür 17 tür 11 dür 47 kür 28





u	ə	o	u	ū	ā	ē	ai	ū
su 120	ə 3167	o 707	u 127	tū 3152	ā 1250	bē 15	pai 77	bū 49
	pə 72	po 153	tu 305	dū 239	bā 644	jē 14	hai 40	tū 28
	tə 63	to 179	zu 23	jū 16	tā 24	lē 25	nai 210	dū 51
	də 24	do 27	çu 47	blū 11	dā 22	plē 22	hai 152	kū 34
	kə 36	ko 42	flu 16	klū 14	fā 45	strē 15		gū 17
	fə 24	go 179	stru 11	trū 30	vā 28			fū 100
	və 12	fo 11	wu 57	hrū 96	sā 48			vū 34
	sə 16	vo 11	yu 268	yū 862	mā 341			sū 34
	mə 129	fo 60		hū 252	lā 39			mū 55
	nə 27	so 446			plā 39			nū 182
	lə 15	lo 48			flā 15			lū 31
	rə 75	mo 116			rā 30			hū 35
	trə 14	no 478			prā 30			
		lo 60			trā 45			
		glo 12			krā 14			
		ro 44			hwā 51			
		pro 226			hā 100			
		bro 17						
		tro 30						
		gro 15						
		hro 13						
		ho 11						
<u>120</u>	<u>3,674</u>	<u>2,885</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>4,672</u>	<u>2,774</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>650</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>7,773</u>	<u>12,350</u>	<u>5,418</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>5,676</u>	<u>5,258</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>973</u>
119	90	77	31	36	84	10	28	25

TABLE 14. SUMMARY OF TABLE 13

Final sound	Occurrences	Items	Final sound	Occurrences	Items
mp	12	1	sk	53	2
lp	29	1	ŋk	150	4
p	1,072	23	lk	20	1
b	532	12	rk	142	2
mpt	18	1	k	2,193	50
pt	98	4	g	250	12
skt	36	1	lf	166	1
kt	471	14	f	1,126	22
ft	48	1	lv	13	1
kst	44	1	rv	34	2
nst	93	2	v	6,268	31
rst	158	2	nh	28	1
st	1,356	32	ŋh	20	1
ſt	19	1	lh	23	2
çt	13	1	rh	76	4
nt	1,456	25	h	212	7
lt	79	3	ɸ	1,274	9
rt	377	11	ps	79	3
t	8,841	94	kts	59	4
lvd	15	1	sts	43	3
vd	102	6	nts	181	6
zd	145	5	rtʃ	58	3
njd	15	1	ts	350	5
rjd	11	1	rks	30	2
jd	11	1	ks	480	8
rmd	20	1	nhs	35	1
md	26	1	ns	589	17
rnd	57	2	ls	25	1
nd	4,230	28	rs	173	6
rld	106	1	s	3,897	64
ld	409	13			
rd	593	20			
d	4,219	66			

Final sound	Occurrences	Items	Final sound	Occurrences	Items
ndz	118	6	n	572	6
rldz	11	1	l	953	7
ldz	11	1	<i>n, l</i>	1,525	13
rdz-	34	2			
dz	76	4	a	686	1
gz	104	1	ɑ	37	2
lvz	55	1	e	141	3
vz	47	3	ē	3,030	21
rmz	17	1	i	9,657	25
mz	118	4	ī	3,921	21
nz	548	12	ə	343	3
ŋz	135	2	ō	224	5
rlz	18	1	u	120	1
lz	106	4	ə	3,674	13
rz	932	16	o	2,885	22
z	6,395	61	u	854	8
ʃ	606	17	ū	4,672	9
3	73	3	<i>Vowel</i>	30,244	134
nc	12	1			
rc	14	1	ä	2,774	17
c	936	13	ö	91	5
nj	92	3	ai	479	4
rj	108	2	ü	650	12
j	405	15	<i>Diphthong</i>	3,994	38
zm	30	1			
rm	124	5			
m	3,388	41	hi	7,310	1
rn	291	8	<i>Consonant</i>	90,513	1,184
n	13,102	102	<i>n, l</i>	1,525	13
ŋ	2,957	17	<i>Vowel</i>	30,244	134
rl	32	1	<i>Diphthong</i>	3,994	38
l	4,671	74	<i>Total</i>	133,586	1,370
r	12,189	108			
<i>Consonant</i>	90,513	1,184			



## Part 4—Sounds



## Part 4

### Sounds

#### Relativ frequency of the simple sounds of English

Any statement of the relativ frequency of the simple sounds of English must, to hav definit, general, or comparativ value, make unmistakably clear the fonetic basis on which it rests, with respect to

- 1) The number, and nature, of the sounds distingisht,
- 2) The authority for pronunciation adopted, and
- 3) The particular treatment accorded the words *the* and *a*, and the so-cald "neutral vowel," ə.

The Revised Scientific Alfabet used as Key 1 of the Standard Dictionary, is a medium precision, 48 sound, fonetic alfabet for English, based on the American Filological Association alfabet of 1876. The basis and detaild structure of this alfabet ar explaind with admirable simplicity and clearness in the *Spelling and Pronunciation* preface of the unabridged Standard Dictionary (editions since 1911) which should be consulted by all interested in this aspect of the problem.

As the Standard Dictionary was adopted, for reasons previously discust, as the authority for pronunciation for this investigation, the maximum of information was obviously to be secured by performing the primary analisis of sounds on the 48 sound basis of Key 1, making possible any desired treatment or presentation of final results simply by combining the separate unit data thus secured in various forms.

On the 48 sound basis of Key 1, the "neutral vowel" offers no problem, for the simple, definit treatment of the unstrest vowels is perhaps the most distinctiv characteristic of this alfabet. On any basis, however, the particularly common words *the* and *a* require separate consideration, for each has alternativ correct pronunciations, concurrently used by careful speakers. Thus, (Standard Dictionary): *the*, ði (named or emfatic);



ɲɪ (unemfatic before a vowel); ɲə (unemfatic before a consonant). *a*, *ē* (unaccented, ə).

To consider 10 % of the occurrences of each of these 2 words as named or emfatic or accented is a maximum assumption so far as I can deduce from observation and the estimates of others. As the proportion of initial vowels to initial consonants is roughly 1 to 2, the unemfatic 90 % of occurrences of *the* may properly be distributed as 30 % ɲɪ, and 60 % ɲə. This basis is adopted in Table 15 following, which shows, in fonetic order, the total frequency of occurrence of each of the 48 sounds distinguisht by the Standard Dictionary, and the number of different items or places in which each occurrd, in the 100,000 words counted and analized.

In Table 15 only, the Revised Scientific Alfabet is used insted of the S S B key alfabet in order to represent the 7 additional vowel and difthong sounds \* distinguisht by the former. See Appendix A for statement of the slight differences between these alfabets. The 7 additional sounds interpolate redily and obviously in the fonetic order adopted.

As the general purpose of this investigation was not only to introduce into the study of fonetics an important quantitativ element heretofore lacking, but also to provide data of immediate practical value in the teaching of English, and in fonetic writing of English, more particularly fonetic shorthand writing, it is obvious that these data should be organized on a fonetic basis of maximum simplicity, minimum precision, sufficient for these purposes. The large experience of Pitmanic shorthand has demonstrated, I think conclusivly, that 40 sounds (considering *ç* and *j* as simple sounds, and counting the 4 vowel difthongs *ā ē ī ū*) represent the extreme minimum with which strictly fonetic writing of English may be achievd. By *strictly* I refer to no particular degree of precision but to strict adherence to the principle: one sign for each sound, one sound for each sign.

The S S B key alfabet here adopted differs from the minimum 40 sound basis of Pitmanic shorthand practis

\* See page 126 following.

TABLE 15 RELATIV FREQUENCY OF THE SIMPLE SOUNDS OF ENGLISH ON THE 48 SOUND BASIS OF THE REVISED SCIENTIFIC ALFABET. ARRANGED IN FONETIC ORDER

Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items	Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items	
p	2.04	7,620	1,960	a	3.50	13,060	1,445	
b	1.81	6,750	1,175	ā	.23	881	141	
t	7.13	26,550	4,495	æ	.22	820	120	
d	4.31	16,050	3,100	ɑ	.02	95	50	
k	2.71	10,100	2,700	ā	.47	1,740	306	
g	.74	2,760	635	e	3.44	12,800	3,170	
f	1.84	6,860	1,135	ē	1.84	6,863	1,317	
v	2.28	8,490	910	i	4.42	16,493	4,151	
th	.37	1,380	210	ī	4.11	15,301	1,826	
th	3.43	12,780	116	ī	2.12	7,921	876	
s	4.55	16,970	4,155	ø	2.81	10,450	1,050	
z	2.97	11,070	2,050	ē	1.26	4,701	491	
sh	.82	3,052	846	u	1.70	6,360	1,115	
3	.05	170	51	ū	.63	2,350	440	
ch	.52	1,930	350	ə	4.63	17,264	2,937	
j	.44	1,630	495	o	.33	1,230	415	
m	2.78	10,360	1,840	ō	1.30	4,859	763	
n	7.24	26,980	4,375	u	.69	2,570	450	
ŋ	.96	3,590	1,035	ū	1.60	5,961	311	
l	3.74	13,930	3,290	Vowel	35.32	131,719	21,374	
r	6.88	25,620	5,420		ai	1.59	5,923	857
w	2.08	7,760	555		oi	.09	345	105
y	.60	2,230	245		au	.59	2,215	235
h	1.81	6,755	485		iu	.02	60	35
					iū	.29	1,080	290
Consonant	62.10	231,387	41,628	Difthong	2.58	9,623	1,522	
Vowel	35.32	131,719	21,374					
Difthong	2.58	9,623	1,522					
Total	100.00	372,729	64,524					

the 7,310 assumed: *ft* 10%; *ft* 30%; *ft* 60%  
a 2,120 " *ē* 10%; *ə* 90%

only in its recognition of the "neutral vowel" and its treatment of the word *the*. It differs from the 48 sound basis of the Revised Scientific Alfabet only in its treatment of the word *the* and in ignoring the 7 finest distinctions of the latter. These ar:

Between the *u* of *feud* and of *futility*

" *a* *art* " *artistic*

The vowel of *fast*, distinguisht as a hibrid, neither the *a* of *fat* nor the *a* of *far*.

Between the *o* of *note* and of *obey*

" *i* *bit* " *habit*

" *a* *bat* " *bare*

" *u* *but* " *burr*

The first 5 of these combinations ar sufficiently obvious. Of the 6th I may say that my personal judgment, confirmed by those advisers in whom I hav most confidence, is that the vowel (Revised Scientific Alfabet *ā*) of *bare* resembles more closely the *e* of *bet* than the *a* of *bat*, and might therefore be more appropriately combined with the former. Of the 7th my personal judgment, confirmed by the International Fonetic Association alfabet, as nearly final authority as the vext field of fonetics affords, is that the vowel (Revised Scientific Alfabet *ə*) of *burr* differs slightly in quality as wel as quantity from the *u* of *but*, but is identical except for *stress* with the "neutral vowel" *ə* of *member*, and might therefore be more appropriately combined with the latter. On both these points however it has seemed more useful to adhere strictly to the basis of classification implied by the Revised Scientific Alfabet, as used in the Standard Dictionary, making the combinations tabulated above. Those interested in separate consideration of these 2 sound classifications wil find syllables containing these 2 sounds (the *a* of *bare* and the *u* of *burr*) distinguisht by a \* thruout the syllable tables, while the frequency of the sounds alone appears, of course, in Table 15.

One reason for separate treatment of the commonest word, *the*, is suggested by the discussion of its alternativ correct pronunciations (page 123 preceding.) Another is that shorthand practis almost invariably, and properly,

treats the word *the* with a separate sign; so that for purposes of shorthand construction, data not subject to the market influence of this commonest word are more accurately significant. A third reason is the market economy of effort of a single sign, as compared with 2 fonetic or 3 *a b c* letters, for the most frequent word of English, which occurs more often than do over half of the simple sounds, in a fonetic print notation. Both on theoretic and practical grounds a separate logotype for the word *the* seems a happy solution.

This fonetic basis of the S S B key alphabet, which involves the minimum of assumption (with respect to *the*, *a*, and *ə*) will be designated for explicit distinction the 41 + 1 sound basis (the Pitmanic 40 sounds plus *ə*, and plus *ft*).

Table 16 following gives, in fonetic order, the relative frequency of the separate simple sounds of English speech, showing the per cent which each is of the total, the total number of its occurrences in 100,000 words, and the number of different places in which each occurred; on the 41 + 1 sound basis above described.

In Table 17 following, the left hand columns show the relative frequency of English speech sounds, on the 41 + 1 sound basis, arranged in order of frequency of their total occurrence. The column headed Occurrences ÷ Items gives an incidental measure (inverse) of what might be called the versatility of each sound — whether it occurs chiefly in a few words of great importance, as with *ft*, or in many words of relatively infrequent occurrence, as with *ŋ* or *j*. The right hand columns show in detail the frequency of occurrence of each sound initially, medially, finally, or alone in syllables; and initially, medially, finally, or alone in words. These latter analytic data are of indispensable importance to any study of language structure as a scientific basis for shorthand construction, and will be significant in much more general linguistic study.

The arrangement in order of frequency shows that, of the 42 fonetic elements distinguished:

The first	4	sounds make up over	25 %	of the total
"	9	"	50 %	"
"	19	"	75 %	"

TABLE 16. RELATIV FREQUENCY OF THE SIMPLE SOUNDS OF ENGLISH ON THE 41 + 1 SOUND BASIS OF THE S S B KEY ALFABET. ARRANGED IN FONETIC ORDER

Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items	Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items
p	2.08	7,620	1,960	a	4.04	14,761	1,706
b	1.84	6,750	1,175	ɑ	.50	1,835	356
t	7.27	26,550	4,495	e	3.50	12,800	3,170
d	4.39	16,050	3,100	ē	1.88	6,863	1,317
k	2.77	10,100	2,700	i	8.12	29,601	5,976
g	.76	2,760	635	ī	1.96	7,190	875
f	1.88	6,860	1,135	ə	2.86	10,450	1,050
v	2.32	8,490	910	ē	1.29	4,701	491
h	.38	1,380	210	u	2.38	8,710	1,555
ŋ	1.50	5,470	115	ə	3.52	12,878	2,936
s	4.64	16,970	4,155	o	1.66	6,089	1,178
z	3.03	11,070	2,050	u	.70	2,570	450
ʃ	.84	3,052	846	ū	1.63	5,961	311
ʒ	.05	170	51	Vowel	34.04	124,409	21,371
ç	.53	1,930	350	ä	1.61	5,923	857
j	.45	1,630	495	ē	.09	345	105
m	2.83	10,360	1,840	ai	.61	2,215	235
n	7.38	26,980	4,375	ü	.31	1,140	325
ŋ	.98	3,590	1,035	Diphthong	2.62	9,623	1,522
l	3.82	13,930	3,290				
r	7.02	25,620	5,420				
w	2.12	7,760	555				
y	.61	2,230	245				
h	1.85	6,755	485				
Consonant	61.34	224,077	41,627				
Vowel	34.04	124,409	21,371				
Diphthong	2.62	9,623	1,522				
ŋi	2.00	7,310	1				
Total	100.00	365,419	64,521				

a 2,120 assumed: ē 10% ə 90%



To facilitate comparative study of the more fonetic of existing shorthand sistems, and other minimum precision fonetic notation schemes, the data on relativ frequency of sounds ar reduced to the 40 sound basis and presented, in order of frequency, in Table 18 following. This reduction, with its non-recognition of the "neutral vowel" involvs treating *the* and *a* as occurring only with their formal strest pronunciation, and distributing the occurrences of ə in accord with the most usual treatment of such occurrences in Pitmanic shorthand, as indicated at the bottom of the table.

Fonetists ar to-day agreed as to the definit and constant caracter of the *neutral vowel* or *low unstrest vowel*, ə, which furnisht one of the most perplexing problems of the spelling reformer or shorthand inventor of 2 generations ago; so that a fonetic notation primarily to be red in print which did not include a sign for this sound would be unthinkable for any purpose, however "popular" or general; and experience shows that the average layman has no difficulty in recognizing this sound clearly in a fonetic print. But in the present fonetic innocence of the general public, created and maintaind by the non-fonetic caracter of the present heterogeneous conventional spelling, there is some question whether the average layman could *use* this sound intelligently in writing, in shorthand or otherwise. Table 17 may therefore be regarded as presenting the optimum, and probably feasible, basis of popular fonetic understanding; Table 18 the minimum basis, alredy proved practicable.

TABLE 17. RELATIVE FREQUENCY OF ENGLISH SPEECH SOUNDS, ON THE 41 + I SOUND BASIS OF THE SSB KEY ALFABET. ARRANGED IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY

Sound	%	Occurrences	Items	Occurrences Items	Syllabic analysis				Word analysis				Sound
					Initial	Medial	Final	Syllabic	Initial	Medial	Final	Word	
i	8.12	29,601	5,976	4.96	9,943	10,010	6,431	3,217	6,730	18,750	4,121		i
n	7.38	26,980	4,375	6.17	3,977	8,460	14,200	343	2,590	15,650	8,740		n
t	7.27	26,550	4,495	5.91	9,620	2,410	14,520		5,150	9,630	11,770		t
r	7.02	25,620	5,420	4.73	3,720	9,370	12,530		2,255	14,995	8,370		r
s	4.64	16,970	4,155	4.08	7,850	2,120	7,000		5,575	6,765	4,630		s
d	4.39	16,050	3,100	5.18	4,290	520	11,240		2,760	3,480	9,810		d
a	4.04	14,761	1,706	8.65	6,109	7,945	21	686	6,690	8,071			a
l	3.82	13,930	3,290	4.23	4,606	3,190	5,870	264	2,090	7,575	4,265		l
ə	3.52	12,878	2,936	4.31	4,131	5,030	550	3,167	840	10,040	90	1,908	ə
e	3.50	12,800	3,170	4.03	3,895	8,740	55	110	1,700	11,100			e
z	3.03	11,070	2,050	5.40	548	300	10,220	2	15	1,530	9,525		z
ə	2.86	10,450	1,050	9.97	5,265	4,850	180	155	5,120	5,330			ə
m	2.83	10,360	1,840	5.63	5,830	570	3,960		4,020	4,015	2,325		m
k	2.77	10,100	2,700	3.74	5,400	1,730	2,970		3,990	4,680	1,430		k
u	2.38	8,710	1,555	5.60	1,550	7,040	120		1,230	7,480			u
v	2.32	8,490	910	9.33	1,640	350	6,500		540	2,635	5,315		v
w	2.12	7,760	555	13.98	5,810	1,950			5,480	2,280			w
p	2.08	7,620	1,960	3.89	5,325	885	1,410		3,425	3,640	555		p
ŋ	2.00	7,310	1	—				7,310				7,310	ŋ
i	1.96	7,190	875	8.22	204	2,990	3,810	186	350	4,030	2,810		i

e	f	h	b	o	ū	d	r	ŋ	s	g	y	a	c	j	h	u	ē	Totals					
1.88	1.88	1.85	1.84	1.66	1.63	1.61	1.50	1.29	.98	.84	.76	.70	.61	.61	.53	.50	.45	.38	.31	.09	.05		
6,863	6,860	6,755	6,750	6,089	5,961	5,923	5,470	4,701	3,590	3,052	2,760	2,570	2,230	2,215	1,930	1,835	1,630	1,380	1,140	345	170		
1,317	1,135	485	1,175	1,178	311	857	115	491	1,035	846	635	450	245	235	350	356	495	210	325	105	51		
5.22	6.04	13.93	5.74	5.17	19.15	6.92	47.60	9.59	3.47	3.61	4.34	5.72	9.10	9.42	5.52	5.16	3.29	6.57	3.51	3.29	3.33		
199	5,300	6,755	6,090	422	1	194	4,040	1,400	2,250	2,230	83	2,230	745	770	732	830	850	20	68				
3,600	130	40	2,700	1,215	2,890	15	3,040	470	80	140	1,615	920	60	1,031	75	50	470	215	2				
2,600	1,430	620	2,260	4,745	1,580	1,415	200	3,120	720	390	745	550	1,100	61	725	480	670	110	100				
464	215	5,155	2,015	240	1,900	4,110	1,200	4,590	1,150	740	90	2,925	125	115	210	375	905	13	415	340	260	40	5
18,071	80,393	175,976	89,374	10,676																			
Total items	5.66	64,521	365,410	100.00																			



TABLE 18 RELATIV FREQUENCY OF ENGLISH SPEECH SOUNDS  
ON THE 40 SOUND BASIS OF STANDARD PITMANIC SHORTHAND.  
ARRANGED IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY

Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items	Sound	%	Occur- rences	Items
i	7.94	29,601	5,976	f	1.84	6,860	1,135
n	7.24	26,980	4,375	h	1.81	6,755	185
t	7.13	26,550	4,495	b	1.81	6,750	1,175
r	6.88	25,620	5,420	o	1.63	6,089	1,178
u	5.02	18,750	4,320	ū	1.60	5,961	311
s	4.55	16,970	4,155	ā	1.59	5,923	857
d	4.31	16,050	3,100	ē	1.26	4,701	491
a	4.17	15,601	1,841	ŋ	.96	3,590	1,035
i	3.89	14,500	876	ſ	.82	3,052	846
l	3.74	13,930	3,290	g	.74	2,760	635
e	3.44	12,800	3,170	u	.69	2,570	450
ŋ	3.43	12,780	116	y	.60	2,230	245
z	2.97	11,070	2,050	ai	.59	2,215	235
ə	2.81	10,450	1,050	ç	.52	1,930	350
m	2.78	10,360	1,840	a	.52	1,925	391
k	2.71	10,100	2,700	j	.44	1,630	495
ē	2.35	8,771	1,317	h	.37	1,380	210
v	2.28	8,490	910	ū	.31	1,140	325
w	2.08	7,760	555	ē	.09	345	105
p	2.04	7,620	1,960	3	.05	170	51
	81.76	304,753	53,516		18.24	67,976	11,005
					81.76	304,753	53,516
				Total	100.00	372,729	64,521

the 7,310 assumed: ŋ

a 2,120 "

ə 10,970 " { a 840 (initial in words)  
u 10,040 (medial " )  
a 90 (final " )

### *General Summary*

The outstanding feature of this study is the degree to which a comparatively small part of the commoner words, syllables, or sounds, of English form, by their frequent repetitions, a large part of our ordinary speech. In general summary, for the 100,000 words investigated:

9 words are found to form over	}	25%	{	of the total words
12 syllables	"		"	" syllables
4 sounds	"		"	" sounds
69 words	"		"	words
70 syllables	"	50%	"	" syllables
9 sounds	"		"	" sounds
732 words	"		"	words
339 syllables	"	75%	"	" syllables
19 sounds	"		"	" sounds
1027 words occurring over 10 times	form	78.6%	of the words	
1370 syllables	"	form 93.4%	" syllables	
41 + 1 sounds	form	100%	" sounds	

Intensiv study of these commoner words and syllables, and the simple sounds, wil thus suffice to giv an organized and fairly adequate quantitativ conception of the fonetic structure of modern English.



## Appendix A\*

## A Simple Phonetic Key Alfabet for General Use

There is urgent need for a minimum precision fonetic key alfabet of maximum simplicity, for general popular use as distinct from the purposes of the professional fonologist. Such an alfabet wil be of constant and general usefulness — in teaching reading or the pronunciation of English to children or adults; in the teaching of shorthand, which writes by sound, not by spelling; and for all purposes involving accurate expression of English pronunciation in print or longhand, including the literature of spelling reform. The various instruments thus far available for such purposes ar all, in various degrees, unsatisfactory. These ar, chiefly:

The "Webster" notation and similar complex diacritic schemes, obscure, fonetically misleading, and altogether objectionable; long since repudiated by all filologists or fonetists.

The International Fonetic Association alfabet, designed to cover all languages with a maximum of scientific precision, using a basic alfabet of 65 different letters with numerous modifiers which serv to distinguish several hundred different sounds; a valuable tool of the professional fonetician, but for general popular use for English too complex and over-refined, and *tipografically strange*.

The Revised Scientific Alfabet, often referd to as the N E A (National Education Association) alfabet, used as Key 1 of the New Standard Dictionary and its abridgments; based on the 1877 alfabet of the American Filological Association. This is a medium precision alfabet for English, distinguishing 48 sounds; incomparably the best for its purpose ever devised, but stil too complex for the simplest general popular use.

The fonetic key alfabet here presented, used for fonetic key purposes in all publications of the Simplified Spelling Board, is strictly in harmony thruout with the Revised Scientific Alfabet, on which it is based.

(10) \* A circular of the Simplified Spelling Board.

## Fonetic Key Alphabet

24 CONSONANTS				13 VOWELS			
Print	Script	Name	As in	Print	Script	Name	As in
p	<i>p</i>	<i>pī</i>	pin, cup	a	<i>a</i>	<i>at</i>	am, pat, (pair)
b	<i>b</i>	<i>bī</i>	bin, cub	ɑ	<i>ɑ</i>	<i>a</i>	alms, part, ma
t	<i>t</i>	<i>tī</i>	ten, bet	e	<i>e</i>	<i>et</i>	edge, let
d	<i>d</i>	<i>dī</i>	den, bed	ē	<i>ē</i>	<i>ē</i>	age, late, may
k	<i>k</i>	<i>kī</i>	come, back	i	<i>i</i>	<i>it</i>	is, sit, army
g	<i>g</i>	<i>gī</i>	gum, bag	ī	<i>ī</i>	<i>ī</i>	ease, seat, me
f	<i>f</i>	<i>ef</i>	fan, safe	o	<i>o</i>	<i>ot</i>	odd, not
v	<i>v</i>	<i>ev</i>	van, save	ō	<i>ō</i>	<i>ō</i>	awed, naught
h	<i>h</i>	<i>eh</i>	thigh, bath	u	<i>u</i>	<i>ut</i>	up, ton, (turn)
θ	<i>θ</i>	<i>eth</i>	thy, bathe	ə	<i>ə</i>	<i>ər</i>	about, utter, na- tion, china
s	<i>s</i>	<i>es</i>	seal, race	o	<i>o</i>	<i>o</i>	open, tone, show
z	<i>z</i>	<i>ez</i>	zeal, raise	u	<i>u</i>	<i>ut</i>	full, could
ʃ	<i>f</i>	<i>ef</i>	assure, rush	ū	<i>ū</i>	<i>ū</i>	fool, shoe
ʒ	<i>z</i>	<i>ez</i>	azure, rouge	4 DIPHTHONGS			
ç	<i>ç</i>	<i>eç</i>	choke, rich	Print	Script	Name	As in
j	<i>j</i>	<i>ej</i>	joke, ridge	ā	<i>ā</i>	<i>ā</i>	aisle, pint, by
m	<i>m</i>	<i>em</i>	met, him	ē	<i>ē</i>	<i>ē</i>	oil, point, boy
n	<i>n</i>	<i>en</i>	net, thin	ai	<i>ai</i>	<i>ai</i>	out, power, now
ŋ	<i>ŋ</i>	<i>en</i>	ink, thing	ū	<i>ū</i>	<i>ū</i>	pure, few
l	<i>l</i>	<i>lē</i>	laid, deal	SUPPLEMENTARY SIGNS			
r	<i>r</i>	<i>rē</i>	raid, dear	ñ	<i>ñ</i>	=	
w	<i>w</i>	<i>wē</i>	wet, quit	A wordsign or logotype for the commonest word of English, <i>the</i> .			
y	<i>y</i>	<i>yē</i>	yet, you	*   * <i>capsign</i>			
h	<i>h</i>	<i>hē</i>	head, who	Fonetic print capitals are heavy or bold-face letters, otherwise similar to the small letters. To capitalize a fonetic longhand word, write the capsign before it.			

For most teaching or manuscript purposes the *disjoind* long-hand letters below, similar in form to the print letters, wil be preferable to the script forms, which necessarily differ somewhat from the print, just as common script differs from common print.

p b t d k g f v h t s z ſ ʒ ʒ j m n ŋ l r w y h  
a a e ē i ī ē ō v a o u ū a o a u ā ā \*

### linḱan'z getizburg spṭṭ

forskor and sevn ylrz ægo air faðærz brēt forð on ðis kōntinent æ nū nēsæn, kōnsivd in libærti, and dedi-kēted tū ði prōpozišæn ðat ōl men ar kriēted iḱwæl.

na wī ar engējd in æ grēt sivil wōr, testiḡ hweðær ðat nēsæn, ōr eni nēsæn so kōnsivd and so dedikēted, kan lōḡ endūr. wī ar met on æ grēt batl-fild ov ðat wōr. wī hav kum tū dedikēt æ por-šæn ov ðat fild az æ fānæl restiḡ-plēs fōr ðoz hū hīr gēv ðēr lāvz ðat ðat nēsæn māt liv. it iz ōltægeðær fitiḡ and prōpær ðat wī šud dū ðis.

but in æ larjær sens, wī kanot dedikēt — wī kanot kōnsikrēt — wī kanot halo — ðis graund. ði brēv men, liviḡ and ded, hū strugld hīr, hav kōn-sikrēted it far æbuv air pūr pær tū ad ōr ditrakt. ði world wil litl not nōr lōḡ rimembær hwet wī sē hīr, but it kan nevær fōrget hwet ðē did hīr. it iz fōr us, ði liviḡ, raðær, tū bi dedikēted hīr tū ði unfiništ wurk hwiḡ ðē hū fōt hīr hav ðus far so nobli advanst. it iz raðær fōr us tū bi hīr dedikēted tū ði grēt task rimēniḡ bifor us — ðat frōm ðiz onærd ded wī tēk inkrist divošæn tū ðat kōz fōr hwiḡ ðē gēv ði last ful mezur ov divošæn; ðat wī hīr hāli rizolv ðat ðiz ded šal nōt hav dād in vēn; ðat ðis nēsæn, undær gōd, šal hav æ nū burh ov frīdæm; and ðat guværnment ov ði pṭpl, bā ði pṭpl, fōr ði pṭpl, šal nōt perīš frōm ði urh.

The linear order and fonetic names of the present alfabet ar based on establisht shorthand practis, for which they ar both logical and convenient.

Brief study wil enable any one to read the selection on the preceding page. An hour's study wil giv any one at all familiar with fonetics a thoro working knowledge of the key, which meets fully the 2 essentials of a strictly fonetic notation: one and only one sound for each sign, and one and only one sign for each sound.

The only differences between this alfabet and the Revised Scientific Alfabet as used in the Standard Dictionary series ar these: all easily masterd in 10 minutes by any one familiar with the latter—

SSB key	a a i u o ü	h f s ç	ä ɛ ai ü	fi	ē ī ō ū
Revised	a a i u o iu	th th sh ch	ai oi au iu	thī	ē ī ō ū
Scientific	ā ā ī ū ō iū			thi	
Alfabet	a			thə	

1 Reduction to a minimum precision 41 sound basis from the medium precision 48 sound basis, by ignoring the 7 finest distinctions of the latter—at best negligible, at worst confusing, for practical popular use.

2 Simple single letters in place of the 4 consonant digraf ligatures temporarily adopted by the NEA committee as a concession to visual prejudice.

3 Single letters, each an obvious blend of the 2 fonetic elements, for the 4 vowel difthongs, in place of writing the difthong by its 2 component letters—a gain in clearness and simplicity in harmony with shorthand practis.

4 A logotipe for the commonest word of English, *the*, which has 3 different pronunciations concurrently used by careful speakers; combining logical simplicity with efficiency.

5 Slightly curving the macron over the markt long vowels as a constant reminder not to use the misleading Webster "name-sounds" for these letters.

General use of this key alfabet for all popular fonetic purposes wil conduce to simplicity and clearness, and go far toward clarifying the now sadly deficient popular understanding of the elementary essential fonetic facts of English.

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## Appendix B

## Consonant compounds of English

Altho these tables giv qualitativ rather than quantitativ information as to the fonetic structure of English, they ar particularly suggestiv in connection with the quantitativ data of this investigation.

Tables B1, B3, B5 present respectively those preceding, syllabic, and following consonant compounds, and consonants, which I hav noted in the course of this study, or at other times, with key words for each. Tho I hav excluded from Table B1 a dozen or more distinctly foren compounds, occurring only in proper names or tecnical terms of foren origin, these tables ar more complete than any that I hav seen, and certainly contain all compounds of anything like common occurrence in English. Entries enclosed in parentheses are compounds which do not occur more than 10 times in the material of this study. About half (in each table) of those so markt do occur from 1 to 10 times in this material.

Table B1 — and also B3, syllabic compounds — is arranged in fonetic order, like Table 12. Table B5 is arranged in reverse fonetic order, like Table 14.

Tables B2, B4, B6 present the same preceding, syllabic, and following consonant compounds and consonants, each in a classified arrangement which emfazes the extent to which the whole group may be regarded as the product of a very few combining consonants acting as modifiers of the rest of the consonant alfabet. This striking and important fact may be summarized as follows:

## Consonant compounds and consonants

*Preceding*

$$\left. \begin{matrix} s \\ o \end{matrix} \right\} ' \left\{ \begin{matrix} l- \\ r- \\ w- \\ o- \end{matrix} \right.$$

57/57 = 100 %

*Syllabic*

$$\left. \begin{matrix} ' \\ o \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ nd \\ nz \\ l \\ ld \\ lz \end{matrix} \right.$$

50/51 = 98 %

*Following*

$$\left. \begin{matrix} -l \\ -r \\ -o \end{matrix} \right\} ' \left\{ \begin{matrix} t \\ ts \\ d \\ dz \\ s \\ z \\ o \end{matrix} \right.$$

135/181 = 75 %



In the above summaries, and in the tables following, the hyphen represents the place of the vowel of the syllable; the apostrophe represents the place of any consonant which may occur in such a combination; and the italic *o* represents the absence of any consonant at that point. Thus, substituting the consonant *p* for the apostrophe in the above summaries, they would denote the following consonant compounds and consonants occurring in the succeeding tables:

<i>Preceding</i> (also)		<i>Syllabic</i> (also)		<i>Following</i> (also)				
spl-	sl-	pn	n	-lpt	-pt	-lt	-rt	-t
spr-	sw-	pnd	nd	-lps	-pts	-lts	-rts	-ts
sp-	s-	pnz	nz	-lp	-ps	-ld	-rd	-d
pl-	l-	pl	l	-rpt	-p	-ldz	-rdz	-dz
pr-	r-	pld	ld	-rpts		-ls	-rs	-s
p-	w-	plz	lz	-rps		-lz	-rz	-z
				-rp		-l	-r	

The summary figures express the fact that all 57 of the preceding, 50 of the 51 syllabic, and 135 of the 181 following compounds and consonants, may be reduced to the forms symbolized above. Note particularly that the preceding group involves only 4, the syllabic group only 4, the following group only 6, and all 3 groups together only 8 different combining consonants, to produce 196/243 (excluding 46 single consonant occurrences) or over 80% of all consonant compounds here reported.

TABLE B1 57 PRECEDING CONSONANT COMPOUNDS  
AND CONSONANTS. IN FONETIC ORDER,  
WITH KEY WORDS

				Summary	
pl-	place	spl-	split		
pr-	price	spr-	spring	,	23
p-	part	sp-	speak	'l-	5
bl-	black	str-	street	'r-	9
br-	brought	st-	still	'w-	6
b-	be	(skl-	sclerosis)		
tr-	true	skr-	scrape	s'-	8
tw-	twelve	skw-	square		
t-	to	sk-	school	s'l-	2
dr-	drive	(sf-	sphere)	s'r-	3
dw-	dwel	sm-	small	s'w-	1
d-	do	(sn-	snow)	<i>Total</i>	<i>57</i>
kl-	clear	sl-	slow		
kr-	crowd	sw-	sweet		
kw-	quite	s-	so		
k-	can	z-	zone		
gl-	glad	(sr-	shrewd)		
gr-	great	ʃ-	she		
(gw-	guano)	ʒ-	jardiniere		
g-	good	ç-	charge		
fl-	flour	j-	just		
fr-	from	m-	my		
f-	for	n-	not		
v-	very	l-	like		
hr-	thru	r-	right		
(hw-	thwart)	w-	was		
h-	thing	y-	you		
ð-	that	hw-	which		
		<u>h-</u>	he		
		57			

TABLE B2 57 PRECEDING CONSONANT COMPOUNDS  
AND CONSONANTS. CLAST

	'l-	'r-	'w-	s'- s''-			'l-	'r-	'w-	s'- s''-	
p-				sp-			ʃ-				
pl-				spl-				ʃr-			
		pr-		spr-			ʒ-				
b-							ç-				
bl-							j-				
		br-					m-			sm-	
t-				st-			n-			sn-	
		tr-		str-			l-			sl-	
			tw-				r-				
d-							w-			sw-	
		dr-					y-				
			dw-				h-				
k-				sk-					hw-		
kl-				skl-		23	5	9	6		
		kr-		skr-							
			kw-	skw-							
										43	14 Total 57
g-						Single	23				23
gl-						Diphthong	20			8	28
		gr-				Trifthong				6	6
			gw-								
f-				sf-							Total 57
fl-											
		fr-									
v-											
h-											
		hr-									
			hw-								
ft-											
s-											
z-											

See s-  
column }

TABLE B<sub>3</sub> 51 SYLLABIC CONSONANT COMPOUNDS AND CONSONANTS. IN FONETIC ORDER, WITH KEY WORDS

				Summary	
open	pn	even	vn		
(opened	pnd)	(evened	vnd)	'n	6
(opens	pnz)	(evens	vnz)	'nd	5
people	pl	(evil	vl)	'nz	6
(peopled	pld)	(naveled	vld)	n, nt, nd, nz	4
peoples	plz	(evils	vlz)		21
cable	bl	(heathen	fn)	'l	9
(cabled	bld)	(heathens	fnz)	'ld	9
cables	blz	reason	zn	'lz	9
title	tl	(reasoned	znd)	l, ld, lz	3
(titled	tld)	reasons	znz		30
(titles	tlz)	(foozle	zl)		51
garden	dn	(foozled	zld)	Total	
(gardened	dnd)	(foozles	zlz)		
(gardens	dnz)	happen	n		
handle	dl	doesn't	nt		
(handled	dld)	happened	nd		
(handles	dlz)	happens	nz		
broken	kn	battle	l		
(betokened	knd)	battled	ld		
(tokens	knz)	battles	lz		
article	kl		51		
(articled	kld)				
articles	klz				
single	gl				
(singled	gld)				
(singles	glz)				
(trifle	fl)				
(trifled	fld)				
(trifles	flz)				

TABLE B<sub>4</sub> 51 SYLLABIC CONSONANT COMPOUNDS  
AND CONSONANTS. CLAST

'	'n	'nd	'nz	'l	'ld	'lz	
<i>o</i>		*nt					
<i>o</i>	n	nd	nz	l	ld	lz	
<i>p</i>	pn	pnd	pnz	pl	pld	plz	
<i>b</i>				bl	bld	blz	
<i>t</i>				tl	tld	tlz	
<i>d</i>	dn	dnd	dnz	dl	dld	dlz	
<i>k</i>	kn	knd	knz	kl	kld	klz	
<i>g</i>				gl	gld	glz	
<i>f</i>				fl	fld	flz	
<i>v</i>	vn	vnd	vnz	vl	vld	vlz	
<i>ŋ</i>	ŋn		ŋnz				
<i>z</i>	zn	znd	znz	zl	zld	zlz	
	7	7	7	10	10	10	Total 51
Single	1			1			2
Double	6	2	1	9	1	1	20
Triple		5	6		9	9	29
							Total 51

\* Irregular

TABLE B<sub>5</sub> 182 FOLLOWING CONSONANT COMPOUNDS  
AND CONSONANTS. IN REVERSE FONETIC ORDER —  
RIMING DICTIONARY ORDER — WITH KEY WORDS

(grasp -sp)	reached -çt	milk -lk
stamp -mp	(burnt -rnt)	work -rk
help -lp	sent -nt	take -k
(sharp -rp)	built -lt	(burg -rg)
up -p	part -rt	big -g
(bulb -lb)	it -t	(triumph -mf)
(curb -rb)	(bulbed -lbd)	self -lf
job -b	(curbed -rbd)	(scarf -rf)
(grasped -spt)	(rubbed -bd)	if -f
tempt -mpt	(begged -gd)	twelve -lv
(helped -lpt)	solved -lvd	serve -rv
(warped -rpt)	(served -rvd)	of -v
kept -pt	moved -vd	(depth -ph)
asked -skt	(breathed -fd)	(eighth -th)
(thanked -ŋkt)	(adzed -dzd)	(width -dh)
(milked -lkt)	(cleansed -nzd)	(fifth -fh)
(worked -rkt)	used -zd	(sixth -ksh)
fact -kt	(rouged -zd)	month -nh
(triumphed -mft)	changed -njd	strength -ŋh
(engulfed -lft)	(bulged -ljd)	health -lh
(dwarfed -rft)	charged -rjd	worth -rh
left -ft	gaged -jd	both -h
(unearthed -rht)	(chasmed -zmd)	with -fi
(lathed -ht)	(filmed -lmd)	(grasps -sps)
(lapsed -pst)	formed -rmd	(stamps -mps)
next -kst	seemed -md	(helps -lps)
danced -nst	turned -rnd	(harps -rps)
(whilst -lst)	and -nd	ships -ps
first -rst	(longed -ŋd)	(tempts -mpts)
must -st	world -rld	(excerpts -rpts)
(welshed -lst)	old -ld	(scripts -pts)
wished -st	hard -rd	(instincts -ŋkts)
(branched -nçt)	had -d	facts -kts
(filched -lçt)	ask -sk	(gifts -fts)
(searched -rçt)	think -ŋk	(texts -ksts)

(bursts	-rstš)	words	-rdz	turn	-rn
lasts	-sts	needs	-dz	in	-n
cents	-nts	(burgs	-rgz)	long	-ŋ
(belts	-lts)	eggs	-gz	girl	-rl
parts	-rts	selves	-lvz	all	-l
its	-ts	(serves	-rvz)	for	-r
(asks	-skš)	gives	-vz		<u>181</u>
(thanks	-ŋks)	(bathes	-fz)		
(milks	-lks)	(prisms	-zmz)		
works	-rks	(films	-lmz)	Summary	
books	-ks	terms	-rmz	-'	21
(nymphs	-mfs)	times	-mz	-'t, -'d	22
(gulfs	-lfs)	(turns	-rnz)	-'t, -'d	36
(dwarfs	-rfs)	lines	-nz		
(cuffs	-fs)	things	-ŋz	-'s, -'z	18
(depths	-phs)	girls	-rlz	-'s, -'z	29
(eighths	-ths)	miles	-lz		
(widths	-dhs)	years	-rz	-'ts, -'dz	10
(fifths	-fhs)	is	-z	-'ts, -'dz	6
(sixths	-kshs)	(welsh	-ls)		
months	-nhs	(harsh	-rfs)	Other -'	37
(lengths	-ŋhs)	fish	-š		
(healths	-lhs)	rouge	-ʒ	-ksh, kshs	<u>2</u>
(births	-rhs)	trench	-nʒ	Total	181
(deaths	-hs)	(filch	-lʒ)		
since	-ns	search	-rʒ		
else	-ls	such	-ʒ		
force	-rs	change	-nj		
this	-s	(bulge	-lj)		
(bulbs	-lbz)	large	-rj		
(verbs	-rbz)	judge	-j		
(jobs	-bz)	chasm	-zm		
hands	-ndz	(film	-lm)		
worlds	-rldz	form	-rm		
fields	-ldz	from	-m		

TABLE B6 182 FOLLOWING CONSONANT COMPOUNDS  
AND CONSONANTS. CLAST

	Group					-t -d	-s -z	-ts -dz	-st -zd	-sts	
	1	2	3								
			m n ŋ	l	r						
See columns	-p					-pt	-ps	-pts	-pst		
		-sp				-spt	-sps				
			-mp			-mpt	-mps	-mpts			
				-lp		-lpt	-lps				
					-rp	-rpt	-rps	-rpts			
	-b			-lb		-bd	-bz				
					-rb	-lbd	-lbz				
						-rbd	-rbz				
	{ -t -d -k						-ts		(t z)	-d zd	
							-dz				
							-kt	-ks	-kts	-kst	-ksts
		-sk				-skt	-skz				
			-ŋk			-ŋkt	-ŋks	-ŋkts			
				-lk		-lkt	-lks				
					-rk	-rkt	-rks				
	-g					-gd	-gz				
					-rg		-rgz				
	-f					-ft	-fs	-fts			
			-mf			-mft	-mfs				
				-lf		-lft	-lfs				
					-rf	-rft	-rfs				
	-v				-lv	-vd	-vz				
						-lvd	-lvz				
					-rv	-rvd	-rvz				
	-h					-ht	-hs				
		-ph					-phs				
		-th					-ths				
		-dh					-dhs				
	-fh					-fhs					
		*-ksh				*-kshs					
			-nh			-nhs					
			-ŋh			-ŋhs					
				-lh		-lhs					
					-rh	-rht	-rhs				
-t					-td	-dz					

\* Irregular



[illegible]

## Appendix C

## Expansion of Table 9

TABLE C 1370 COMMONEST SILLABLES, CLAST BY VOWELS,  
SHOWING INITIAL, MEDIAL, FINAL, AND WORD OCCURRENCES  
OF EACH

<i>Syllable</i>	Total Oc It		Initial Oc It		Medial Oc It		Final Oc It		Word Oc It	
<i>n</i>										
n	343	76			46	19	297	57		
nt	119	17					119	17		
vn	98	4					98	4		
zn	59	15			13	8	46	7		
nd	44	22					44	22		
pn	41	5			9	3	32	2		
znz	32	4					32	4		
nz	20	10					20	10		
dn	16	4			2	2	14	2		
kn	15	3					15	3		
	787									
<i>l</i>										
bl	386	138			1	1	385	137		
l	264	45			19	9	245	36		
pl	218	12					218	12		
plz	34	8					34	8		
lz	30	4					30	4		
tl	28	7			16	3	12	4		
ld	28	18					28	18		
dl	20	8			1	1	19	7		
gl	20	7			1	1	19	6		
kl	17	9					17	9		
klz	15	8					15	8		
blz	13	8					13	8		
	1,073									
<i>a</i>										
and	3280	1							3280	1
fat	1346	2			1	1			1345	1

<i>Syllable</i>	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
az	783	2					1	1	782	1
a	686	215	673	204	13	11				
hav	658	3	41	2					617	1
at	612	13	19	5	5	4	3	3	585	1
an	462	20	131	27	1	1			330	1
had	414	2	3	1					411	1
haz	394	4	4	3					390	1
ɸar*	335	9	29	8					306	1
kan	291	24	97	10	7	4			187	1
man	218	27	57	21	4	4	1	1	156	1
ɸan	184	1							184	1
ad	177	60	156	52	9	6			12	2
af	154	10	152	8	2	2				
am	120	20	25	10	26	9			75	1
hwar*	125	14	12	8			30	5	83	1
ɸal	120	1							120	1
stand	100	12	30	5	14	5	19	1	43	1
ak	104	34	98	29	4	3	2	2		
mat	90	11	80	5	8	5	2	1		
kar	88	12	88	12						
bak	87	9	9	5	1	1	2	2	75	1
last	86	4	7	2	2	1			77	1
fak	80	16	35	7	45	9				
hap	69	12	61	10	8	2				
kap	66	12	64	11			2	1		
pas	65	16	33	11	11	3	1	1	20	1
haf	63	2					5	1	58	1
bat	58	10	56	9			2	1		
fakt	58	1							58	1
hand	57	7	9	5			2	1	46	1
val	53	10	53	10						
mand	53	9			23	7	30	2		
trans	51	18	51	18						
sat	50	9	32	7	4	1			14	1
past	47	3					1	1	46	2
prak	44	10	42	8	2	2				
gan	42	4			19	3	23	1		
ask	37	2	7	1					30	1
land	36	7	8	3			3	3	25	1
akt	36	8	8	2	8	3	5	2	15	1
askt	36	1							36	1
ab	34	18	30	17			4	1		

\* For explanation of \* marking, see pp. 46 and 126.

Syllable	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
av	34	6	33	5					1	1
tab	33	10	7	5	26	5				
tak	32	7	5	3	8	2	18	1	1	1
taks	32	5	11	3			12	1	9	1
raŋ	32	1	32	1						
handz	32	1							32	1
par	30	9	9	4	14	4	7	1		
nas	30	9	20	6	2	2			8	1
naŋ	29	4	22	2	7	2				
aj	29	8	5	2	24	6				
trakt	28	8	5	2	6	4	17	2		
fam	28	4	28	4						
van	27	9	6	4	20	4			1	1
haps	26	1					26	1		
plan	25	2	3	1					22	1
pard*	25	6			2	1	23	5		
mar	25	6	25	6						
bad	24	3	8	1					16	2
ŋank	24	2	3	1					21	1
ap	24	12	24	12						
kant	23	3			1	1			22	2
ar*	23	1							23	1
al	23	16	9	8	14	8				
klas	22	6	8	5					14	1
war*	22	8	12	3			4	4	6	
glad	21	1							21	1
fan	21	7	12	6					6	1
naŋ	21	4	21	4						
ŋats	21	1							21	1
sak	21	5	20	4					1	1
han	21	7	21	7						
as	21	12	14	8	7	4				
pat	20	5	20	5						
trav	20	12	17	10	3	2				
nan	20	8	7	4	13	4				
mag	20	9	20	9						
planz	19	1							19	1
par*	19	10	1	1	5	5	3	2	6	2
baŋk	19	7	7	4	2	2			10	1
kam	19	5	19	5						
pak	18	5	15	4					3	1
blak	18	6	5	5					13	1
bar	18	8	13	4	5	4				

<i>Syllable</i>	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
gram	18	5	1	1			15	3	2	1
farz*	18	3					18	3		
skwar*	18	3	2	1			8	1	8	1
vans	17	4			5	3	12	1		
an	17	11	16	10	1	1				
task	16	1							16	1
fast	16	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	11	1
lak	16	4	5	3					11	1
dam	15	5	6	3					9	2
garf	15	5	9	4					6	1
gal	15	10	14	9	1	1				
rap	15	4	15	4						
trak	14	5	1	1	9	3			4	1
kat	14	7	12	6					2	1
çap	14	4	12	3					2	1
flat	13	5	6	4					7	1
fakts	13	1							13	1
vast	13	3	3	2					10	1
sam	13	4	13	4						
hab	13	4	10	2	3	2				
paç	12	3			4	1	8	2		
pan	12	11	6	5	5	5			1	1
ban	12	8	8	5	4	3				
klard*	12	1					12	1		
staf	12	2					1	1	11	1
standz	12	2					4	1	8	1
ag	12	7	11	6	1	1				
trast	11	2			1	1	10	1		
graf	11	6			4	4	7	2		
farz*	11	2							11	2
lat	11	1	11	1						
wag	11	2	11	2						
akts	11	1							11	1
	13.453									
a										
ar	642	30	100	29					542	1
part	123	11	11	4	28	4	5	2	79	1
por	107	26	88	22	17	3			2	1
lorj	69	5	27	2	2	1	1	1	39	1
far	65	3	1	1			1	1	63	1
gard	47	10	1	1	15	4	26	4	5	1

Syllable	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
kar	43	15	24	12	2	2			17	1
çarj	39	5	12	3			4	1	23	1
farm	35	6	22	5					13	1
bard	31	5			29	3	2	2		
mar	31	11	31	11						
hard	31	7	10	6					21	1
fa	26	3	26	3						
hart	25	8	6	6	1	1			18	1
bar	23	13	13	9	4	3			6	1
start	22	3	13	2					9	1
arm	22	4	15	3					7	1
gar	19	6	15	5			4	1		
art	19	3	5	2					14	1
karz	18	1							18	1
mark	18	6	1	1	4	2	5	2	8	1
lar	18	1	18	1						
parts	17	1							17	1
marks	17	2					9	1	8	1
yardz	16	2					6	1	10	1
har	15	7	14	6	1	1				
çarjd	11	2					3	1	8	1
a	11	2			1	1			10	1
1,560										
e										
ed	907	384	6	4	7	7	894	373		
en	675	121	581	95	35	21	59	5		
ez	529	202					529	202		
ment	402	86			5	5	389	80	8	1
men	382	46	138	10	44	19	36	16	164	1
ev	308	23	243	13	65	10				
eks	295	108	289	102	6	6				
nes	264	82	38	2	13	6	213	73		
rfem	262	2	34	1					228	1
hwen	246	2	9	1					237	1
est	186	49			27	4	159	45		
self	166	11	12	3	3	1	134	6	17	1
les	166	54	14	5	13	9	86	39	53	1
ent	162	36			26	9	136	27		
sed	161	1							161	1
ver	146	2	146	2						
get	127	9	16	1	4	4	18	3	89	1

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wel	122	4	9	3					113	1
let	121	10	57	3			13	6	51	1
sent	120	13	2	1	19	3	32	7	67	2
den	115	1							115	1
jen	111	28	91	17	15	9	5	2		
nev	110	4	110	4						
e	110	19	64	13	46	6				
ens	106	27			19	7	87	20		
egz	104	30	101	29					3	1
tel	100	14	34	9	10	3	5	1	51	1
prez	99	8	99	8						
sen	99	37	79	27	20	10				
ek	99	29	82	24	17	5				
ments	97	42					97	42		
es	94	28	69	17	7	5	18	6		
ten	87	26	21	8	42	17			24	1
set	86	14	23	6	2	2	13	5	48	1
em	86	38	73	33	2	2	5	2	6	1
dent	82	18			15	4	67	14		
mem	80	11	46	6	34	5				
red	79	7	24	3	27	1	1	1	27	2
genst	73	1					73	1		
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fekt	70	12			23	6	47	6		
ses	69	12			37	9	32	3		
rek	69	31	44	22	21	8			4	1
yet	68	1							68	1
jekt	66	11			14	6	52	5		
sev	64	7	64	7						
el	63	32	16	8	18	14	29	10		
gen	62	1					62	1		
yes	57	3	34	2					23	1
sek	56	9	54	7	2	2				
hed	56	12	18	6	1	1	10	4	27	1
pen	55	27	13	10	38	16			4	1
selvz	55	3					55	3		
pres	53	18	10	4	18	11	12	2	13	1
best	52	1							52	1
tem	52	21	21	10	11	9	20	2		
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went	50	1							50	1
left	48	1							48	1
tend	46	17	2	2	26	9	16	5	2	1

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hev	45	7	45	7						
nekst	44	I							44	I
ej	44	8	II	4	I	I	29	2	3	I
sel	43	14	23	7	2	2	7	3	II	2
end	43	4					10	3	33	I
dens	42	14	2	I	I	I	39	12		
sept	41	6			10	4	31	2		
rekt	41	II			20	6	21	5		
send	40	6	5	I	6	3	I	I	28	I
bet	38	3	32	I			I	I	5	I
tent	38	15			6	4	27	10	5	I
gef	38	2			38	2				
rep	38	12	37	II	I	I				
ber	36	II	16	7	I	I			19	3
dren	36	2					36	2		
pekt	35	9			16	5	19	4		
spekt	35	8			27	6	8	2		
fel	35	5	19	3	2	I			14	I
speſ	35	5	35	5						
sens	35	9	2	I	3	2	II	5	19	I
dem	34	12	21	7	13	5				
fer	34	9	7	3	13	4			14	2
rest	34	9	5	3	5	2	6	5	18	I
jest	33	4			9	I	23	2	I	I
held	33	4					4	3	29	I
dred	32	8	9	5	I	I	22	2		
ves	32	8	19	3	13	5				
sep	32	17	15	5	17	12				
et	32	16			5	4	27	12		
twen	31	2	31	2						
ven	31	16	11	5	20	II				
hwenf	31	I	31	I						
preſ	30	7	17	2	13	5				
ter	30	10	27	7	2	2			I*	I
sents	30	I							30	I
ef	30	3	29	2	I	I				
lekt	29	11			14	6	15	5		
lent	29	8			I	I	27	6	I	I
help	29	3	4	2					25	I
dres	28	7	4	2	6	2	16	2	2	I

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vest	28	8			19	5	8	2	1	1
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zent	28	7			19	4	9	3		
ger	28	7	15	6					13	1
prest	27	7					21	6	6	1
fen	27	3			27	3				
vel	27	10	2	2	25	8				
sted	27	7	9	5			17	1	1	1
res	27	8	7	4	3	2	17	2		
elz	27	8					27	8		
fens	26	7	1	1	4	2	19	3	2	1
meh	26	2	26	2						
west	26	5	6	2			5	2	15	1
met	25	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	20	1
her	25	10	9	5	5	3			11	2
els	25	3	9	2					16	1
fend	24	6			19	5	5	1		
per	23	12	6	4	17	8				
tens	23	6			1	1	22	5		
kept	23	2					1	1	22	1
frend	23	4	5	2	1	1			17	1
kred	22	7	11	1	7	5	4	1		
ref	22	8	22	8						
des	21	11	19	9	2	2				
den	21	12	2	2	19	10				
ket	21	7	1	1	3	3	17	3		
freʃ	21	4			2	2	1	1	18	1
fek	21	9			21	9				
çek	21	2							21	2
jek	21	12			21	12				
lem	21	3	3	2			18	1		
pend	20	9	5	1	11	6	4	2		
test	20	8	3	2	5	3	2	2	10	1
spek	20	11	7	5	13	6				
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nent	20	6					20	6		
mes	20	7	10	4	7	2			3	1
rev	20	11	18	9	2	2				
reg	19	10	17	8	2	2				
tempt	18	5	2	1	7	2	9	2		
mend	18	9	1	1	13	6	4	2		
er	18	10	11	6			5	2	2	2
pleʒ	17	2	17	2						

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frendz	17	1							17	1
mez	17	4	17	4						
eh	17	13					17	13		
te	16	8	5	2	11	6				
def	16	6	15	5	1	1				
gres	16	5			10	4	6	1		
felt	16	2					1	1	15	1
net	16	8	4	2	5	2	3	3	4	1
med	16	9	16	9						
ents	16	8					16	8		
ded	15	4	11	3					4	1
se	15	3	2	1	13	2				
ſel	15	4	8	3					7	1
ſelz	15	1							15	1
jes	15	8	4	2	11	6				
nek	15	4	1	1	11	2			3	1
ren	15	5	7	2	8	3				
weſ	15	3	15	3						
bred	14	3	1	1					13	2
kwent	14	7			7	3	7	4		
fed	14	4	9	1	2	2			3	1
step	14	1							14	1
seſ	14	6	6	1	8	5				
jekts	14	5					14	5		
twelv	13	1							13	1
tes	13	4	13	4						
dev	13	5	11	4	2	1				
dents	13	5					13	5		
gets	13	2					1	1	12	1
ſpes	13	5	13	5						
jent	13	8			2	2	11	6		
jents	13	3					13	3		
lej	13	6	11	4	1	1			1	1
pel	12	6			3	2	9	4		
trenc	12	2	7	1					5	1
dwel	12	7	7	6					5	1
spent	12	1							12	1
zen	12	3			12	3				
ſens	12	3			1	1	11	2		
mens	12	2					12	2		
rez	12	7	12	7						

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hens	12	2	3	1					9	1
helh	12	4	4	2	1	1			7	1
ets	12	6					12	6		
peſ	11	2			11	2				
bed	11	2	2	1					9	1
beg	11	2	1	1					10	1
tekt	11	4			4	2	7	2		
del	11	6	8	3	3	3				
gest	11	4					3	2	8	2
splen	11	3	11	3						
zes	11	5			6	4	5	1		
ſer	11	4	3	3					8	1
nest	11	6			3	2	7	3	1	1
welh	11	3	1	1			4	1	6	1
ests	11	2					11	2		
	12,076									
ê										
ŕê	478	1							478	1
ê	464	72	88	21	163	49			213	2
ŕêr	323	2							323	2
dê	266	25	19	6	15	11	131	7	101	1
wê	211	17	3	3	2	1	99	11	107	2
mê	210	14	17	6	33	7			160	1
sê	207	17	36	5	59	10	1	1	111	1
nê	200	41	123	13	75	27			2	1
grêt	181	6	47	5					134	1
mêd	179	5	2	1			4	2	173	2
têk	171	19	68	2	5	4	12	12	86	1
tê	160	41	18	4	142	37				
lê	154	45	70	15	58	27	17	2	9	1
mêk	141	6	35	4	1	1			105	1
pê	140	28	75	17	22	10			43	1
rê	99	39	17	7	81	31	1	1		
êt	97	49	6	3	50	33	18	12	23	1
kê	89	41	15	5	74	36				
stêt	89	6	53	5					36	1
kêm	82	2					11	1	71	1
plês	81	9	21	2	6	4	2	2	52	1
dêz	78	5					4	2	74	3
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bē	54	18	46	13	3	3	2	1	3	1
trē	54	15	4	2	49	12	1	1		
vē	49	21	21	6	22	12	6	3		
sēv	49	3	16	2					33	1
nēm	48	3	8	2					40	1
plēn	45	10	11	3	1	1	15	4	18	2
tēn	43	16			16	8	27	8		
fēs	42	4	11	2	1	1			30	1
zē	40	10			39	9	1	1		
rē	39	6	34	5					5	1
plē	38	10	17	7	3	2			18	1
stē	38	9	15	7					23	2
trēn	37	3	18	2					19	1
gēv	36	1							36	1
fē	35	8	34	7	1	1				
rēnj	35	6			11	3	4	2	20	1
wēt	35	6	10	2	1	1	1	1	23	2
kēt	33	18			27	14	6	4		
sēf	33	8	17	6			1	1	15	1
fēl	32	4	19	3					13	1
rēt	32	11	1	1	7	5	6	4	18	1
tēnd	31	7					31	7		
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wēz	30	8					15	7	15	1
çēnj	29	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	21	1
strēt	28	9	12	5	3	1	2	2	11	1
strēnj	28	5	11	4					17	1
mēks	26	1							26	1
dēn	24	6	21	4	3	2				
dēt	23	4	3	1			6	2	14	1
brēk	22	4	6	2					16	2
tēl	21	6			11	2	7	2	3	2
fēh	21	5	13	3	1	1			7	1
vēl	21	5			16	2	4	2	1	1
sēl	21	7	8	3	1	1	3	1	9	2
nēt	21	16			15	10	6	6		
ēj	21	2	2	1					19	1
tēt	20	8			5	4	15	4		
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plēnz	19	6					17	5	2	1

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pēd	18	3					2	2	16	1
sēvd	17	1							17	1
mēt	16	7			5	4	11	3		
rēd	16	4	2	2			6	1	8	1
lēd	16	3	1	1			2	1	13	1
trēd	15	5	4	4					11	1
ġēnjd	15	3					3	2	12	1
wēst	15	5	6	3					9	2
plēst	14	3					2	2	12	1
tēks	14	2					4	1	10	1
klēm	14	3			1	1	1	1	12	1
nēmz	14	1							14	1
pēj	13	2	5	1					8	1
trēnz	13	1							13	1
grē	13	10	6	6	2	2			5	2
gēt	13	10	1	1	4	4	6	4	2	1
slēv	13	2	8	1					5	1
mēl	13	4	1	1			1	1	11	2
trēt	12	10			7	5	4	4	1	1
vēd	12	8			7	5	5	3		
stēj	12	1							12	1
lēp	12	2	1	1					11	1
bēs	11	4	5	2					6	2
gēj d	11	1					11	1		
gēnd	11	1							11	1
frēd	11	1							11	1
hēt	11	2	2	1					9	1
rēs	11	3	2	2					9	1
rēz	11	4	4	3					7	1
wēj	11	3	7	2					4	1
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i										
in	3284	356	1087	329	14	11	66	14	2117	2
i	3217	819	281	77	1676	547	1260	195		
in	2353	760			21	13	2332	747		
ri	1625	330	823	160	323	103	479	67		
it	1416	52	26	1	54	25	120	25	1216	1
iz	1286	22	11	1			62	20	1213	1

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di	835	278	673	211	146	59	16	8		
ti	830	227	1	1	241	92	588	134		
bi	621	61	603	50	11	8	7	3		
dis	572	1							572	1
hiz	517	1							517	1
wil	470	7	23	4	2	2			445	1
hwic	454	1							454	1
bin	329	2							329	2
its	293	12					47	10	246	2
him	285	2	51	1					234	1
if	276	4			7	2	6	1	263	1
si	263	96	61	20	106	42	96	34		
dis	261	106	255	101	4	4	2	1		
tri	206	32	8	2	79	22	119	8		
ni	187	68	18	4	106	47	63	17		
is	181	43			130	35	51	8		
lit	152	14	120	6	27	4	4	3	1	1
im	141	70	134	65	6	4	1	1		
ij	141	50			29	15	112	35		
tiv	136	57			29	14	107	43		
did	134	5	23	1	2	1	9	2	100	1
pri	130	51	111	38	19	13				
mi	130	35	9	6	39	23	82	6		
hiŋ	129	4					85	3	44	1
mit	124	21	1	1	86	12	37	8		
tin	122	24			69	16	49	7	4	1
giv	121	6	59	2	2	2	3	1	57	1
mil	117	11	99	8	7	2			11	1
tiz	115	40	1	1			114	39	†	
biz	114	6	104	4			10	2		
til	108	18			29	11	60	6	19	1
sit	104	12	86	9			4	2	14	1
ik	101	50			4	3	97	47		
fiŋ	98	25	10	6	76	18			12	1
hiŋk	93	3	19	1	1	1			73	1
id	86	24	2	2	11	3	73	19		
iŋ	84	36	34	4	23	18	27	14		
min	83	20	42	10	37	9	4	1		
bil	82	25	25	4	42	20			15	1
hiŋz	82	1							82	1
diŋ	81	11	5	2	76	9				

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lik	76	7	2	2	I	I	72	3	I	I
liv	71	9	25	3	26	5			20	I
sis	70	20	30	11	15	4	25	5		
wiz	69	2	7	I			62	I		
tik	68	30	4	4	34	8	30	18		
siv	68	21	18	4	4	4	46	13		
mis	68	27	50	23	3	3			15	I
tis	65	22			23	16	22	5	20	† I
sim	65	12	65	12						
dif	63	13	58	11	5	2				
fi	58	26	12	6	42	17	4	3		
stil	58	I							58	I
sid	58	13			57	12	I	I		
ziʃ	57	9			57	9				
big	55	4	4	2	I	I			50	I
vis	55	4	I	I	6	2	48	I		
bli	54	27					54	27		
iŋz	53	36					53	36		
sins	52	I							52	I
win	50	7	33	6					17	I
siks	49	3	12	2					37	I
wim	48	2	48	2						
ist	48	19			16	3	32	16		
bild	47	8	36	5	I	I	I	I	9	I
vi	44	16	7	4	29	10	8	2		
sti	44	15	I	I	43	14				
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pi	42	20	10	5	32	15				
siç	41	2	41	2						
ji	40	18	I	I	27	11	12	6		
viʒ	39	7	4	I	35	6				
çil	39	3	38	2	I	I				
gin	38	3			28	2	10	I		
lim	35	11	23	4	12	7				
pik	34	4	30	3					4	I
vik	32	6	29	4	3	2				
pin	30	3			28	2			2	I
din	30	I	30	I						
nit	30	12	3	I	8	5	19	6		
niʃ	30	10			21	8	9	2		
lib	30	10	23	6	7	4				
wiʃ	30	3	2	2					28	I

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fif	28	2	28	2						
sig	28	12	24	10	4	2				
sin	28	15	21	10	4	3	3	2		
lin	28	18	1	1	2	2	25	15		
sil	28	9	9	4	8	2	11	3		
prit	27	4	27	4						
fit	27	10	7	3	1	1	12	5	7	1
sips	27	6					6	4	21	2
niŋ	27	4					27	4		
miŋ	27	9	2	2	25	7				
bilt	26	2					2	1	24	1
trik	26	3					25	2	1	1
spir	26	6	21	3	5	3				1
riz	26	6	1	1			25	5		
lij	26	8			20	6	6	2		
his	26	7	25	6	1	1				
il	25	8	6	2	2	1	10	4	7	1
pli	24	10	1	1	10	8	13	1		
triz	24	6					24	6		
brin	23	2	4	1					19	
tivz	23	11					23	11		
diz	22	10	16	7			6	3		
rit	22	6	14	1	1	1	6	3	1	1
ŋi	21	15			20	14	1	1		
jin	21	5	3	2			18	3		
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wit	21	9	17	6	2	2			2	1
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sin	19	5	18	4					1	1
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krit	19	8	18	7	1	1				
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kwik	18	5	15	4					3	1
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rid	17 9	4 3	I I	4 4	8 I
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driŋk	14 3	7 2			7 I
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fil	14 8	6 3	3 3	I I	4 I
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htr	147	11	15	8	2	2			130	1
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hri	75	1							75	1
pls	74	7	10	5					64	2
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di	63	10	10	5	53	5				
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yir	60	2	1	1					59	1
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iz	56	10	39	4	2	2	13	2	2	2
stl	51	3	1	1					50	2
std	51	17	1	1	29	10	19	5	2	1
fri	50	6	18	5					32	1
fil	48	2	16	1					32	1
ſin	48	5	4	2			3	1	41	2
nid	48	5	16	4					32	1
ktp	47	8	10	3	5	4			32	1
minz	46	1							46	1
fit	44	5			8	2	7	1	29	2
rid	43	5	18	3	1	1			24	1
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wik	42	8	13	6					29	2
pltt	41	6			11	4	30	2		
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pri	36	18	27	12	8	5			1	1
klr	34	5	11	4					23	1
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Sn	27	2			9	1	18	1		
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Iv	27	5	25	3			1	1	1	1
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rIç	24	3	7	2					17	1
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nI	23	6	18	4			4	1	1	1
It	23	4	15	3					8	1
lI	22	11	18	8	4	3				
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sIm	20	2							20	2
çIf	20	2	6	1					14	1
tIç	19	5	10	4					9	1
dIp	19	5	8	4					11	1
sIt	19	3	2	1			8	1	9	1
sIz	19	6	1	1			2	2	16	3
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kIn	18	5	5	3			4	1	9	1
swIt	18	5	7	4					11	1
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sIk	17	2	8	1					9	1
sIv	17	6			3	3	14	3		
lIs	17	4			3	1	12	2	2	1
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wIks	16	2							16	2
krist	15	1					15	1		
pIr	14	5			2	2	11	2	1	1
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krIt	14	4			1	1	13	3		

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ist	13	4	8	2			1	1	4	1
bit	12	4	8	2					4	2
tri	12	3	3	2					9	1
krin	12	1							12	1
spid	12	5	5	4					7	1
kri	11	6	8	5			3	1		
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frldz	11	2					1	1	10	1
sis	11	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	1
lif	11	3	1	1			10	2		
ltvz	11	2					8	1	3	1
irz	11	2					2	1	9	1
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ev	4001	3					3	2	3998	1
wex	850	2	11	1					839	1
en	816	18	39	11	3	3	131	3	643	1
net	596	4	5	2	2	1			589	1
ken	556	224	533	206	23	18				
frøm	433	1							433	1
hwet	277	4	17	2			7	1	253	1
køm	225	89	203	78	22	11				
pex	194	11	138	6	50	5				
ke	166	51	163	49	3	2				
e	155	37	144	30	11	7				
af	96	13	93	12	3	1				
eb	95	32	95	32						
ep	88	20	73	16	15	4				
før	80	19	55	17	25	2				
bed	67	10	41	5	26	5				
et	67	4			9	3	58	1		
prep	66	8	57	6	9	2				
føl	61	5	61	5						
get	55	2			5	1			50	1
prøb	45	6	44	5	1	1				
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hər	28	3			28	3				
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əç	16	5	1	1	15	4				
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tər	15	10	8	5	4	3	3	2		
vəl	15	6	14	5	1	1				
vəlvd	15	3					15	3		
prəks	14	4	1	1	13	3				
kwən	13	2	13	2						
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jəb	13	1	13	1						
jər	13	2			13	2				
kəç	12	4	12	4						
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ōr	602	28	139	22	5	5			458	1
wār	221	3	7	2					214	1
lōŋ	147	12	14	4	3	3	36	4	94	1
kāz	145	4	15	2			98	1	32	1
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wānt	71	3	27	2					44	1
hāt	68	2	1	1					67	1
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wā	55	8	54	7	1	1				
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kāl	47	6	6	3	1	1	2	1	38	1
lō	47	8	13	7					34	1
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fōrm	38	10			4	3	16	6	18	1
lās	35	2	15	1					20	1
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kār	34	13	27	9	7	4				
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fōrt	21	5	12	4					9	1
gōn	20	1							20	1
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drā	18	7	8	4	7	2			3	1
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b̄orn	11	2					1	1	10	1
k̄ot	11	1							11	1
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wun	412	8	27	5			2	1	383	2
up	333	2	129	1					204	1
wur*	328	12	20	8	3	3			305	1
us	282	74			35	19	124	54	123	1
sum	277	19	108	12			6	5	163	2
kum	270	26	72	9	32	12	43	4	123	1
uđ	258	4	200	3	58	1				
hur*	233	4	11	3					222	1
pur*	194	33	184	28	10	5				
sur*	178	37	167	27	9	8	1	1	1	1
must	165	1							165	1
suç	132	1							132	1
furst*	131	1							131	1
wurk*	124	13	34	8			7	4	83	1
su	120	27	116	23	4	4				
sub	120	38	111	34	9	4				
kun	113	6	113	6						
muc	107	2					3	1	104	1
wurld*	106	2	3	1					103	1
just	100	10	3	1	6	5	5	3	86	1
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fur*	81	23	65	14	7	4	8	4	1	1
guv	78	9	78	9						
duz	69	4	16	3					53	1
nuh	61	1	61	1						
mun	60	1	50	1						
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\* For explanation of \* marking, see pp. 46 and 126.

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hur*	37	8	37	8						
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mus	36	12	12	7	2	1	22	4		
munhs	35	2							35	2
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kumz	32	3					9	2	23	1
gurl*	32	1							32	1
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mud	31	6	30	5	1	1				
run	31	4	12	2			1	1	18	1
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sus	27	16			8	5	19	11		
hun	26	4	26	4						
buv	25	1					25	1		
um	25	15	4	2			20	12	1	1
sun	24	7	10	5					14	2
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hurd*	22	I							22	I
ut	22	7	2I	6			I	I		
ukts	21	I					2I	I		
tug	20	4	7	3					13	I
zurv*	20	7			6	3	14	4		
strukt	19	7			16	5	3	2		
sus	19	10	18	9			I	I		
wurd*	19	I							19	I
gurlz*	18	I							18	I
furm*	18	7	2	2	I	I	5	3	10	I
wurdz*	18	I							18	I
turmz*	17	I							17	I
flus	17	I							17	I
nun	17	I							17	I
tunz	16	I							16	I
fun	16	5	12	4					4	I
suf	16	3	16	3						
lurnd*	16	2					I	I	15	I
ul	16	7	14	5	2	2				
dukt	15	3			5	2	10	I		
jur*	15	5	15	5						
lurn*	15	2	2	I					13	I
surv*	14	3	I	I			2	I	11	I
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mul	14	7	12	5	2	2				
bruft	13	3	13	3						
wurks*	13	2					I	I	12	I
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purts*	12	I					12	I		
blud	12	4	5	3					7	I
burn*	12	3	5	I	2	I			5	I
kup	12	3	8	2					4	I
vurt*	12	9			9	6	3	3		
sump	12	3	I	I	11	2				
rub	12	3	10	2					2	I
bur*	11	7	10	6					I	I
tus	11	4					11	4		
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əl	570	127			168	47	402	80		
ən	386	113			101	36	285	77		
ərz	379	158					379	158		
dər	290	50			85	32	205	18		
vər	251	47	1	1	71	40	179	6		
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bər	142	23			23	9	119	14		
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mə	129	36	96	22	29	10	4	4		
kəl	127	44			28	12	99	32		
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ənz	104	25					104	25		
ʃər	97	6			1	1	96	5		
rə	75	20	31	4	42	15	2	1		
lər	73	17			12	4	61	13		
pə	72	20	10	4	62	16				
yən	67	12			4	2	63	10		
tə	63	33			58	28	5	5		
nəl	63	21			18	6	45	15		
pəs	61	3			16	1	45	2		
ʃəl	56	19			9	5	47	14		
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sər	52	14	4	2	11	6	37	6		
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yənz	38	6					38	6		
təns	36	7					36	7		
kə	36	20	22	8	14	12				
jərz	36	5					36	5		
əlz	36	11					36	11		
çən	35	7			2	2	33	5		
əd	35	3					35	3		
dərz	33	9					33	9		
gər	33	11			3	2	29	8	I	I
jər	30	10			8	5	22	5		
tərd	29	13					29	13		
mər	29	8			12	2	17	6		
dərd	27	11					27	11		
gən	27	6			26	5	I	I		
sərz	27	5					27	5		
zənd	27	I					27	I		
nə	27	18			27	18				
nər	27	9			11	5	16	4		
ənd	26	2					26	2		
rəl	25	8			9	3	16	5		
ət	25	7			14	I	11	6		
də	24	11			16	7	8	4		
dəm	24	4					24	4		
fə	24	10	18	7	6	3				
zən	24	10			2	2	22	8		
fər	23	8			19	5	4	3		
nəns	22	6			2	2	20	4		
stəns	21	3			6	I	15	2		
yər	21	5			3	I	18	4		
ənt	21	14			4	4	17	10		
ərt	21	I					21	I		
trəl	20	2					20	2		
kwəl	20	2			10	I	10	I		
məl	20	6			I	I	19	5		
stənt	18	4			9	2	9	2		
əz	18	2					18	2		
çənz	17	2					17	2		
bərd	16	5					16	5		
fərt	16	4			5	2	11	2		
vəl	16	5			I	I	15	4		
sə	16	11	11	7	5	4				
jən	15	2					15	2		

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əpt	15	4					15	4		
trə	14	8	2	2	3	3	9	3		
təm	14	4			10	3	4	1		
gəl	14	4			1	1	13	3		
sənz	14	2					14	2		
pərz	13	3					13	3		
tən	13	5			6	2	7	3		
zəndz	13	1					13	1		
bən	12	1					12	1		
və	12	8	4	2	8	6				
hər	11	1	11	1						
	12,350									
o										
o	707	186	328	50	247	114	73	19	59	3
no	478	24	42	14	11	6	2	2	423	2
so	446	35	37	15	104	18			305	2
on	276	6	200	4			1	1	75	1
for	228	24	34	18	1	1	157	3	36	2
pro	226	84	210	75	12	8			4	1
mor	221	4	7	1			2	2	212	1
to	179	46	46	7	125	35	8	4		
go	179	12	61	2	5	5	40	4	73	1
most	155	7	2	1			48	5	105	1
po	153	39	100	15	52	23	1	1		
mo	116	39	75	18	40	20	1	1		
floz	104	1							104	1
old	84	4	9	3					75	1
port	77	17	3	3	25	9	46	4	3	1
hom	69	6	6	5					63	1
dont	67	1							67	1
hol	61	8	10	3			1	1	50	4
flo	60	4					19	2	41	2
lo	60	21	28	14	3	2	13	4	16	1
fors	59	9	1	1	31	6	4	1	23	1
sol	58	8	52	7					6	1
hold	51	13	14	3	5	3	10	6	22	1
lon	50	4	4	2			21	1	25	1
se	48	6	16	4					32	2
por	47	17	17	8	24	7			6	2
kors	46	4	2	2			7	1	37	1

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boh	45	1							45	1
non	45	2					12	1	33	1
ro	44	20	7	7	21	9	15	3	1	1
ko	42	27	29	16	8	7	5	4		
hop	41	6	11	5					30	1
rod	37	5	1	1	1	1	9	1	26	2
poz	35	11			4	4	30	6	1	1
told	34	2					1	1	33	1
kol	34	2					1	1	33	1
noz	32	2							22	2
tro	30	10	1	1	29	9				
ports	29	4					26	3	3	1
pozd	28	7					28	7		
not	28	4	4	3					24	1
do	27	12	12	7	2	2	13	3		
forst	27	3					18	2	9	1
trol	25	5			7	3	18	2		
vot	25	6	5	2	11	2	1	1	8	1
forh	24	5	5	2			3	1	16	2
oz	24	9					24	9		
stor	23	5	9	2	2	1	2	1	10	1
rodz	21	2					11	1	10	1
kort	20	1							20	1
bord	19	5	1	1			2	2	16	2
od	19	4					19	4		
klos	19	3	6	2					13	1
klozd	19	3					14	2	5	1
kold	18	2	1	1					17	1
roz	18	3					8	2	10	1
post	17	8	14	7					3	1
bro	17	5	15	3	2	2				
wont	17	1							17	1
gro	15	7	11	6					4	1
gron	15	4	1	1			1	1	13	2
gold	15	2	3	1					12	1
sold	15	1							15	1
zors	15	2			9	1	6	1		
bor	13	3	2	2					11	1
goz	13	3					2	2	11	1
hro	13	3	3	1			2	1	8	1
kloz	12	6	5	2	4	2	1	1	2	1
glo	12	5	11	4					1	1
spok	12	2	5	1					7	1

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	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
ston	12	2					1	1	11	1
son	12	1							12	1
sol	12	2	12	2						
fo	11	9	10	8					1	1
fon	11	3					9	2	2	1
vo	11	5	2	2	8	2	1	1		
ho	11	5	10	4					1	1
	5,418									
"										
tu	139	8	139	8						
wud	281	7	24	5					257	2
yu	268	115	17	10	227	101	24	4		
ful	224	66	15	5	71	22	103	38	35	1
çur	161	37			19	8	142	29		
kud	147	2	14	1					133	1
u	127	30			109	27	17	2	1	1
şud	119	2	1	1					118	1
gud	108	2	2	1					106	1
put	73	3	3	1			7	1	63	1
wu	57	2	56	1	1	1				
luk	56	5	25	3			1	1	30	1
ur	52	9			7	4	45	5		
çu	47	18			45	17	2	1		
tuk	40	1							40	1
yur	37	4	13	2			24	2		
buks	34	1							34	1
stud	28	4					12	3	16	1
çurz	26	9					26	9		
zu	23	4			23	4				
fut	19	7	3	3	1	1	2	2	13	1
çurd	19	5					19	5		
yurz	19	2					19	2		
buk	18	4	5	1			2	2	11	1
hud	18	8					18	8		
gudz	17	1							17	1
flu	16	5			16	5				
lukt	16	2					3	1	13	1
yut	16	7			11	4	5	3		
stru	11	3			11	3				
ud	11	2					11	2		
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<i>û</i>										
tû	3318	10			2	1	189	6	3127	3
yû	862	23	52	18	9	3	26	1	775	1
hû	252	3	4	2					248	1
dû	239	2	36	1					203	1
yûr	230	2							230	2
hru	96	3	14	1					82	2
yûrz	56	1							56	1
yûz	54	6	19	4			3	1	32	1
fûd	53	1							53	1
ûr	53	11	12	2	14	6	6	2	21	1
sûn	48	2	6	1					42	1
yûs	48	7	17	4			3	2	28	1
yûzd	45	1							45	1
hûz	42	1							42	1
mûv	38	8	19	4	4	2	4	1	11	1
nûn	37	3					32	2	5	1
trû	30	1							30	1
hûm	28	1							28	1
trûps	26	1							26	1
skûl	25	3	2	2					23	1
pûr	24	2	1	1					23	1
rûm	24	4	1	1			2	2	21	1
klûd	23	7			15	4	8	3		
prûv	21	9	1	1	12	6	3	1	5	1
trûh	21	1							21	1
stûpt	19	1							19	1
mûvd	18	2					4	1	14	1
jû	16	6	15	5	1	1				
klû	14	7			14	7				
rûl	13	3	7	2					6	1
yûn	13	3	12	2	1	1				
tûr	12	8	9	6			1	1	2	1
prûvd	11	3					7	2	4	1
blû	11	1							11	1
lûz	11	3	3	2					8	1
wûnd	11	3	9	2					2	1
	5,676									
<i>ai</i>										
ar	378	4	21	2					357	2
ait	332	29	43	25			85	3	204	1

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	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
na	210	1							210	1
bait	153	1					153	1		
hai	152	5	23	2			5	2	124	1
dan	99	4	3	2			1	1	95	1
pa	77	8	76	7	1	1				
has	70	11	12	6			5	4	53	1
fand	64	6	1	1	4	2	4	2	55	1
kan	52	13	50	11	2	2				
mant	43	7	1	1	2	2	37	3	3	1
hai	40	2	40	2						
rand	39	5	1	1	2	1	22	2	14	1
kant	37	9	5	3	3	3	45	2	4	1
arz	34	3							34	3
pandz	26	1							26	1
dat	26	5	3	2	5	2			18	1
grand	25	3					2	2	23	1
flur	25	1							25	1
pand	24	3	1	1	1	1			22	1
haz	23	4	15	3	8	1				
nans	22	6			19	4	3	2		
sah	21	3	5	2					16	1
nanst	20	3					20	3		
tan	19	2	1	1					18	1
kraud	15	3	6	2					9	1
sand	11	4	5	3					6	1
laud	11	4	3	2			6	1	2	1
	2,048									
ø										
pent	51	9	6	1	10	5	3	2	32	1
béz	29	2							29	2
lë	25	6	13	3	12	3				
plë	22	7			17	6	5	1		
ël	20	2	1	1					19	1
vës	19	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	12	1
bë	15	3	1	1			1	1	13	1
strë	15	4			6	3	9	1		
jë	14	3			3	1	3	1	8	1
çës	11	2	1	1					10	1
	221									



<i>Syllable</i>	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It	Oc	It
<i>a</i>										
<i>ä</i>	1259	26	84	22	1	1	1	1	1173	2
<i>bä</i>	644	11	10	5			7	4	627	2
<i>mä</i>	341	6	45	5					296	1
<i>täm</i>	222	10	2	1			15	8	205	1
<i>rät</i>	143	12	27	7	2	2	2	1	112	2
<i>läk</i>	133	10	12	4	1	1	7	4	113	1
<i>säd</i>	105	21	2	2	15	6	45	12	43	1
<i>hä</i>	100	13	53	11					47	2
<i>läf</i>	91	2	2	1					89	1
<i>mät</i>	85	6	7	4			1	1	77	1
<i>hwäl</i>	80	2					2	1	78	1
<i>nät</i>	64	7	2	1	1	1	14	3	47	2
<i>fät</i>	62	3	41	2					21	1
<i>lät</i>	61	17	17	5	9	4	17	7	18	1
<i>áz</i>	61	17			7	5	21	11	33	1
<i>fänd</i>	60	6	5	1			3	3	52	2
<i>känd</i>	53	4	18	2			4	1	31	1
<i>län</i>	53	2			1	1			52	1
<i>hwä</i>	51	1							51	1
<i>fäv</i>	49	1							49	1
<i>sä</i>	48	27	29	15	18	11	1	1		
<i>mänd</i>	48	5	2	1	6	2			40	2
<i>fä</i>	45	17	30	6	5	5	10	6		
<i>trä</i>	45	11	27	8	4	2			14	1
<i>präs</i>	43	3	13	2					30	1
<i>tämz</i>	42	3					15	2	27	1
<i>plä</i>	39	8			6	3	33	5		
<i>lä</i>	39	20	20	10	11	6	3	3	5	1
<i>dräv</i>	37	4	13	3					24	1
<i>fäd</i>	37	18			2	2	35	16		
<i>äzd</i>	37	18					37	18		
<i>kwär</i>	35	6			23	4	12	2		
<i>tär</i>	34	7	1	1	17	3	15	2	1	1
<i>väd</i>	34	6	13	1	3	2	17	2	1	1
<i>sät</i>	32	11	1	1	7	4	5	4	19	2
<i>çäld</i>	32	4	7	2			1	1	24	1
<i>prä</i>	30	9	26	6	4	3				
<i>rä</i>	30	16	21	12	6	2			3	2
<i>äm</i>	30	1							30	1
<i>kwät</i>	28	2			1	1			27	1
<i>vä</i>	28	11	26	9	2	2				
<i>mälz</i>	28	1							28	1



<i>Syllable</i>	Total		Initial		Medial		Final		Word	
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<i>it</i>										
nü	182	17	29	8	4	3	41	4	128	2
fü	100	11	4	9	2	1			54	1
mü	55	19	24	8	31	11				
dü	51	12	29	7	4	3	3	1	15	1
bü	49	10	30	4	19	6				
dür	47	4	41	1	3	2	3	1		
düs	39	13			14	8	24	4	1	1
hü	35	10	31	7	3	2			1	1
kü	34	18	6	3	26	14			2	1
vü	34	4	1	1			4	2	29	1
sü	34	24	27	18	4	4	2	1	1	1
nüz	33	7	10	2			5	4	18	1
lü	31	18	6	5	25	13				
tü	28	11	1	1	27	10				
kür	28	7			13	4	14	2	1	1
düst	27	5					27	5		
tüd	24	5					24	5		
süt	21	4	7	2			2	1	12	1
süm	20	5			14	3	6	2		
lüt	20	7			6	3	13	3	1	1
tüt	19	8			8	4	11	4		
pür	17	3	6	2					11	1
tün	17	2			16	1			1	1
gü	17	10	1	1	14	7	2	2		
tür	11	5			5	3	6	2		
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## Appendix D

## Letter frequencies

Table D1 gives the relative frequency of the letters of English, arranged in alphabetic order. The column headed *Occurrences* gives the total number of times each letter occurs, while the column headed *Items* gives the number of different places in which each occurs. Below the totals, the occurrences of the apostrophe and hyphen in these 100,000 words are similarly shown. Only 7 diphthongal or diacritic letters occur in the entire 100,000 words; namely æ 2, ô 2, ö 2, and i 1.

Table D2 gives the same data arranged in order of frequency, plus an analysis showing the number of occurrences of each letter initially, medially, or finally in words, or as a word by itself.

Comparing Table D2 with the data on page 133 it appears that:

3	letters make up over 25% of the total letters.
6	50%                      "
11	75%                     "

Comparison with the data of Table 17, showing a total of 365,419 occurrences for the same 100,000 words, shows an excess of 19.87% of letters over sounds. In other words, as compared with a simple one sign one sound phonetic spelling, 1 letter in 6 of our present conventional spelling is quite superfluous, involving a direct waste, in the mere cost of such superfluous writing and printing alone, of over \$600,000,000 annually in the United States alone.

*Addendum—1950.* The foregoing estimate of \$600,000,000 annual waste was based on printing [and writing] costs and quantities as of the 1920 United States census. On the basis of the 1950 census figures, not yet available, this annual waste will, beyond question, largely exceed \$1,000,000,000 a year.

TABLE DI RELATIV FREQUENCY OF LETTERS IN ENGLISH  
ARRANGED IN ALFABETIC ORDER

Letter	%	Occur- rences	Items
a	7.88	34,536	5,352
b	1.56	6,838	1,207
c	2.68	11,747	3,148
d	3.89	17,046	3,394
e	12.68	55,465	9,493
f	2.56	11,199	1,164
g	1.87	8,191	2,079
h	5.73	25,138	1,634
i	7.07	30,955	6,058
j	0.10	421	117
k	0.60	2,610	526
l	3.94	17,261	3,668
m	2.44	10,678	1,916
n	7.06	30,902	5,480
o	7.76	33,993	4,305
p	1.86	8,162	2,154
q	0.09	403	122
r	5.94	26,051	5,569
s	6.31	27,642	6,069
t	9.78	42,815	5,366
u	2.80	12,285	2,448
v	1.02	4,481	907
w	2.14	9,396	712
x	0.16	687	214
y	2.02	8,837	1,189
z	0.06	284	131
Totals	100.00	438,023	74,422
		674	159
		28	9

TABLE D2 RELATIV FREQUENCY OF LETTERS IN ENGLISH,  
ARRANGED IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY, WITH ANALYSIS OF  
POSITION OF OCCURRENCE IN WORDS

Letter	%	Occur rences	Items	Initial	Medial	Final	Word	Letter
e	12.68	55,465	9,493	2,123	32,472	20,870		e
	9.78	42,815	5,366	17,182	15,210	10,423		t
a	7.88	34,536	5,352	9,477	22,791	148	2,120	a
o	7.76	33,993	4,305	7,764	21,608	4,617	4	o
i	7.07	30,955	6,058	6,691	23,094	15	1,155	i
	7.06	30,902	5,480	2,317	20,521	8,064		n
	6.31	27,642	6,069	6,119	9,508	12,015		s
	5.94	26,051	5,569	2,165	17,734	6,152		r
	5.73	25,138	1,634	4,916	17,772	2,450		h
	3.94	17,261	3,668	2,118	12,155	2,988		l
	3.89	17,046	3,394	2,756	4,227	10,063		d
u	2.80	12,285	2,448	1,214	10,278	793		u
	2.68	11,747	3,148	4,327	7,170	250		c
	2.56	11,199	1,164	4,037	2,550	4,612		f
	2.44	10,678	1,916	4,010	5,198	1,470		m
	2.14	9,396	712	6,839	1,604	953		w
	2.02	8,837	1,189	1,454	971	6,412		y
	1.87	8,191	2,079	1,588	3,588	3,015		g
	1.86	8,162	2,154	3,476	4,213	473		p
	1.56	6,838	1,207	4,788	2,006	44		b
	1.02	4,481	907	537	3,944			v
	0.60	2,610	526	436	1,373	801		k
	0.16	687	214		626	61		x
	0.10	421	117	256	165			j
	0.09	403	122	171	232			q
	0.06	284	131	15	265	4		z
Totals	100.00	438,023	74,422	96,776	241,275	96,693	3,279	
		674	159	17	644	13		
		28	9		25	3		

**Addenda and errata***Number Page*

- ① 5 Two other word counts, publisht since the first edition of this study, deserv special mention :

Horn, Ernest, *A basic writing vocabulary*, University of Iowa Monographs in Education, First series, No. 4, Iowa City, 1926.

This list, subtitld "10,000 words most commonly used in writing," altho subject to several serious criticisms which substantially limit its usefulness, is nevertheless the best single list of its type yet publisht, and the one to which I hav chiefly turnd for a substantially longer word count list than afforded by my own investigation. Its two most serious deficiencies ar : failure to make an actual count of 372 of the commonest words, together making up a presumptiv 60% of all running words investigated, which ar estimated on the basis of an earlier and much smaller study which lumpd together the data from several still smaller and diversely pland and executed investigations ; and failure to report actual unweighted frequencies—each publisht figure having been multiplied by an unstated factor from 1 to 5, dependent on the number of different categories of counted material in which the word occurd. In consequence, available data indicate that the 9 commonest words (which make up over 25% of my own study) ar under-estimated by about 50% ; and none of the publisht data can be used as a basis for determining the frequency of occurrence of syllables or sounds.

Horn, Ernest, and Peterson, Thelma, *The basic vocabulary of business' letters*, Gregg, 1943.

This list deals with 1,436,000 running words of business correspondence which wer a part of the 5,137,000 running words which formd the basis of the Horn list reviewd above. It suffers from the same defect of failing to count 372 of the commonest words, and under-estimating the commonest of these as much as 50% ; but in other respects is a very valuable source of data for the limited field investigated. The alfabetic list givs *all* words found in the material, not merely the most frequent, with both weighted and unweighted frequencies ; and is supplemented by a list of over 5,000 most-used words (out of a little less than 15,000 different words) in order of frequency.

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- (2) 17 The 500 commonest words here reported wil form over 66%.
- (3) 19 *For* 328 been *read* 329 been.  
31 .. 328 .. .. 329 ..
- (4) 20 *Add* 85 today.  
20 *Omit* 68 today.  
25 *Omit* 17 to-day.  
40 *For* 68 today & 17 to-day *read* 85 today.
- (5) 22 *Add* 40 light/7  
26 *Omit* 18 light.  
36 *For* 18 light *read* 40 light/7.
- (6) 29 *Add* 11 doctrine/3.  
33 .. 11 ..
- (7) 51 *For* *řarz*\* 11 *read* *řarz*\* 7 (*řēr*z 4).  
68 .. .. ..  
106 .. .. ..
- (8) 52 *For* *ter* 30 *read* *ter* 29.  
62 .. .. ..  
114 .. .. ..
- (9) 57 *For* *hrū* 96 *read* *hrū* 94.  
69 .. .. ..  
117 .. .. ..
- (10) 135 This alfabet, which was adopted by the Simplified Spelling Board in 1922, was used in this volume publisht in 1923. In 1928, this SSB alfabet was superseded by the SRA (Spelling Reform Association) fonetic alfabet, prepared by a joint committee of the Spelling Reform Association and the Simplified Spelling Board with the aid of Frederick W. Goudy, the foremost type designer of his generation. Copies of the SRA alfabet may be obtained from the Simpler Spelling Association, Lake Placid Club, N.Y.
- (11) 145 *Add* (midst -dst).  
This changes the figure 181 on pages 139, 140, 146, and 148 to 182.
- (12) 147 *Add* -dst (see note (11) immediately above).













